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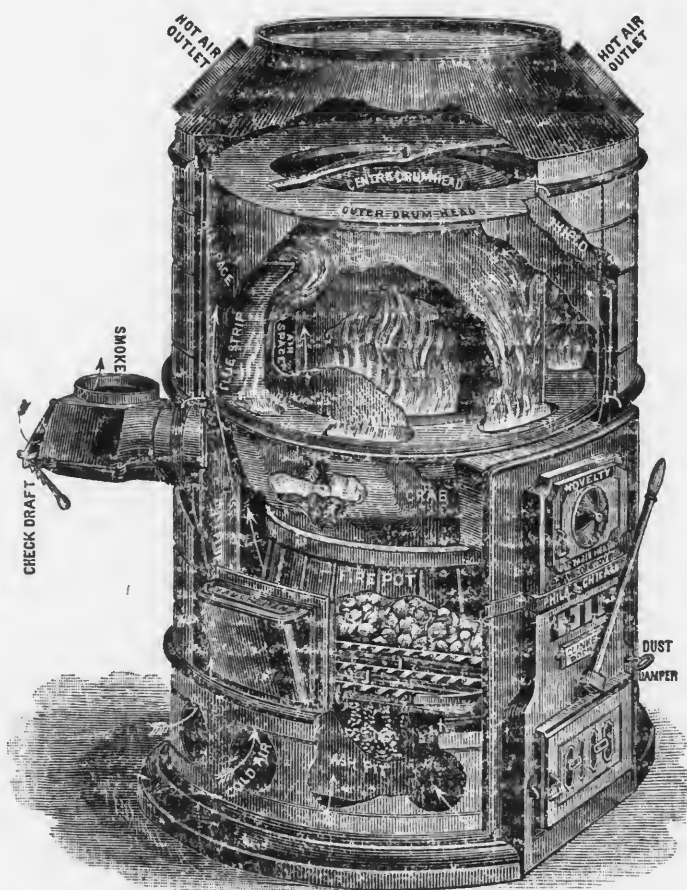
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OF THE

FOURTH SESSION

OF THE

DAKOTA CONFERENCE.

Commencing Thursday, October 11, ending October 15, 1888,

AT

YANKTON, DAKOTA.

BISHOP JOHN M. WALDEN, D. D., L. L. D., President.
Rev. A. R. BOGGS, Secretary. **Rev. JAS. ROWE,**
Statistical Secretary.

Rev. F. A. BURDICK, Rev. G. D. CLEWORTH,
Assistant Secretaries.

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DAKOTA METHODISM.

October 12, 1860, the first regularly appointed Methodist Minister entered Dakota and began his work.

YEAR.	CIRCUITS.	MEM. & PRO.	DISTRICTS.	MISSIONS.
1870	5	335		
1875	13	618	1	
1880	25	some 1,500	3	2
1884	100	some 6,000	6	3
1886	160	9,734	7	1 and 2 Conferences.
1887	190	11,800	8	1 and 2 Conferences.
1888	218	14,700	8	1 and 2 Conferences.

SESSIONS OF DAKOTA MISSION AND CONFERENCE.

DATE.	PLACE	PRESIDENT.	NUMBERS.	SECRETARY
Sept. 1880	YANKTON,	BISHOP WARREN,	1050	WM. MCCREADY.
Oct. 1881	SIOUX FALLS,	" HURST,	1366	" "
" 1882	PARKER,	" MERRILL,	1504	" "
" 1883	HURON,	" SIMPSON,	2782	D. RIFENBARK.
" 1884	MITCHELL,	" ANDREWS.	4469	" "
" 1885	BLUNT.	" FOSS,	5209	A. R. BOGGS.
" 1886	WATERTOWN,	" BOWMAN,	6565	" "
" 1887	ABERDEEN,	" FOWLER,	8225	" "
" 1888	YANKTON,	" WALDEN,	9474	" "

Journal of Session.

FIRST DAY.

The DAKOTA ANNUAL CONFERENCE met for its Fourth Session at the M. E. CHURCH, in Yankton, at 8:30 A. M., Thursday, Oct. 11th, 1888—Bishop WALDEN in the chair.

The Bishop, assisted by the Presiding Elders, and the Pastor of the Church, administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

On call of the roll 42 members and 17 probationers were present.

A. R. Boggs was elected Secretary and F. A. Burdick and G. D. Cleworth were elected Assistants.

Jas Rowe was elected statistical secretary with L. W. Miller, C. H. Smith, J. P. Jenkins and F. H. Wheeler, assistants.

C. E. Hager was elected treasurer, with W. H. Jordan and D. Rifenbark as assistants.

Time for the sessions of Conference was fixed from 8:30 A. M., to 12 M., the first half hour to be devoted to religious service.

The bar was fixed to include eight seats from the pulpit.

The Bishop announced a dividend of \$163.00 from the Book Concern and \$30 from the chartered fund for Conference claimants, and drafts were ordered for the same.

A. F. Thompson was appointed to take charge of the New York Book Concern's accounts, and they were turned over to him by the Bishop.

L. Hartsough presented a nicely bound copy of the minutes of Conference for eight years past and the same was received with the thanks of the Conference.

The following standing Committees were appointed on the nomination of the Presiding Elders.

Public Worship—Pastor and Presiding Elder of Yankton district.

Education—A. F. Thompson, W. H. Selleck, H. H. Dresser, L. W. Miller, E. W. Sage, A. R. Boggs, F. M. Robertson, A. Jamieson, H. M. Springer, E. E. Clough, the Bishop and Presiding Elders.

Temperance and Prohibition—S. A. French, S. Washburn, F. A. Burdick, Thos. Simmons, Thomas Hambly.

Sabbath Observance—W. Underwood, M. E. Nickerson, D. Gostelow, W. J. Hyde, R. C. Opie.

Womens' Foreign and Home Missionary Societies—F. H. Wheeler, W. D. Deeble, W. H. Matson, L. G. Furnier, D. Rifenbark.

Church Extension—J. P. Jenkins, W. H. Jordan, James Rowe, E. Cravens, Wm. Welsh.

New York Book Concern Accounts—A. F. Thompson.

Sabbath School—P. K. Hammond, S. C. Leavell, L. B. Wiles, J. O. Norvell, A. P. Jones.

Freedmen's Aid—L. W. Miller, J. G. Corwin, G. R. Oake, Frank Nichols, W. H. Irwin,

Auditing Presiding Elder's Accounts—C. H. Smith, M. E. Nickerson, W. H. Jordan, A. F. Thompson, H. H. Dresser.

Publishing Minutes—Secretaries of Conference.

Post Office—T. Carson, W. C. Sage, E. O. Bullock, S. C. Leavell, J. Trewartha.

Tracts—F. Leazer, W. W. Brown, S. A. French, Wm. Pagenhart, O. A. Harpel.

Church Literature—G. D. Cleworth, L. W. Miller, A. W. Adkinson, F. M. Robertson, J. G. Hall.

Bible Cause—W. H. Matson, T. H. Walker, G. R. Oake, Robt. Irwin, E. Vaughan.

Resolutions—H. T. Curl, A. Jamieson, R. StClair, L. F. Dimmit, A. D. Smith.

Conference Stewards—D. Rifenbark, T. A. Jones, J. Rowe, A. D., Smith, L. B. Wiles.

Memoirs—C. E. Hager, T. S. Fowler, E. Cravens, E. W. Sage, J. C. Shelland.

Conference Relations and Admissions—O. H. Phillips, H. H. Dresser, W. F. Minty, J. C. Shelland, O. H. Sproul.

State of the Church—R. C. Opie, Wm. Brush, J. P. Jenkins, S. P. Brokaw, Thos. Simmons.

Missionary Appropriations—The Presiding Elders.

Auditing Treasurer's Report—Wm. Welsh, G. D. Cleworth.

On motion of W. H. Selleck, the matter of Young People's Organizations, was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

It was ordered that in reporting the amount of Church Indebtedness, only cash actually in hand should be deducted from indebtedness, and not notes and subscriptions.

It was ordered that the money for General Education and Children's Day, should be entered in separate columns in minutes of Annual Conference; Children's Day to be in the first, and General Education to be in the second, Column.

Certain Papers relating to Conference Claimants, were presented by L. Hartsough, and referred to the Board of Stewards.

A session at 2 P. M., to-day was ordered for the reception of reports, and Wm. Brush D. D., was appointed to preside at the session.

The Bishop and Presiding Elders were added to the Committee on Education.

The following visitors were introduced: Rev. W. P. Graves, of Central Illinois Conference; Rev. M. A. Wright, of the Des Moines Conference; Rev. C. W. Higgins, of the African M. E. Church, Rev's F. M. Robertson, H. H. Dresser, and E. E. Clough, heretofore transferred to this Conference, but now present for the first time. J. R. Locke and D. S. Fowler, of Central Illinois.

Bishop Walden then addressed the Conference.

Dr. Ward, president of the Yankton College, made an address bearing fraternal greetings from the Congregational association of South Dakota.

Rev. W. Brinstead, presented fraternal greetings on behalf of the Baptist Association.

By request, the Bishop responded on behalf of the Conference.

Rev. J. S. Hurlburt, D. D., Secretary of the Sunday School Union, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

W. H. Selleck was appointed to solicit subscribers for "The Gospel in All Lands."

The Presiding Elders were appointed a Committee to apportion general collections to the several districts.

Announcements were made and the benediction was pronounced by Dr. Hurlburt.

AFTERNOON.

Conference met at 2 P. M., Dr. Brush in the chair. A. F. Thompson led the devotions.

Lists of committees were called, announcements were made, and the Conference Adjourned.

SECOND DAY.

Conference opened with religious service led by F. M. Robertson.

Bishop Walden in the Chair. Minutes of last session were read, corrected and approved.

The Bishop addressed the Conference on the subject of Prayer Meetings.

The accounts of the Book Concern at Cincinnati were passed into the hands of A. F. Thompson for collection.

The 20th question was called; the character of Wm. Fielder, Presiding Elder of Aberdeen District, was passed and he reported his district.

On motion it was ordered that the pastors report the Missionary, Church Extension and Conference claimants' collections, whether all collections had been taken, and the result of revival work.

The characters of the following Elders were passed and they made their reports, viz:—W. H. Selleck; O. A. Phillips; A. F. Thompson; T. Simmons; A. R. Boggs and James Rowe.

The character of S. F. Brown was passed, his reports being made by his Presiding Elder. Not being present he was excused by vote of Conference.

The following visiting brethren were introduced:

Rev. Elon Foster, D. D., of the N. Y. Conference.

Rev. D. B. Nichols, of the Congregational Church.

Rev. W. J. Wilson, of the Wisconsin Conference.

Rev. G. H. Youngman, of the Genesee Conference.

Rev. D. F. Bradley of the Congregational Church.

Huron District was called, the character of L. Bradford, P. E., was passed, and he reported his district.

The characters of the following effective Elders were passed and they made their reports:—H. H. Dresser, L. W. Miller, Edwin Craven, and John G. Palmer. Bro. Palmer not being present on account of sickness he was excused.

O. A. Phillips desired to present a communication on educational matters and he was permitted to do so to the Committee on Education. On motion of Wm. Fielder, all persons having communications on the subject of Education were permitted to present the same to the Committee on Education.

Mitchell District was called, the character of C. B. Clark, P. E., passed, and he reported his district.

The characters of the following effective Elders were passed and they made their reports:—W. M. Welch, Wm Pagenhart, James Trewartha, E. W. Sage, A. W. Adkinson, T. H. Walker, W. F. Minty, S. Washburn, Wm. Brush, Wm. Underwood and L. B. Wiles. The character of H. T. Curl, not present, was also passed, and of O. E. Murray, who was excused, and the Bishop requested to leave him without an appointment that he might attend one of our schools.

Sioux Falls district was called, the character of L. Hartsough, P. E., passed, and he reported his district.

The characters of the following effective were passed and they made their reports:—Archibald Jamieson, Duane Rifenbark, Hosea Locke, M. E. Nickerson, F. M. Robertson, F. A. Burdick and J. C. Shelland.

The Watertown district was called, the character of A. D. Traveller P. E., was passed and he reported his District. The characters of the following effective Elders were passed and they made their reports:—D. Gostelow, H. M. Springer, C. E. Hager, E. E. Clough, S. P. Brokaw, O. H.

Sproul, J. G. Hall, and R. C. St Clair, also the characters of C. H. Botkins not present and T. Donahue who has gone as a Missionary to China.

Rev. I. N. Pardee, late of this Conference and now of the Northwest Iowa, was introduced.

The list of Supernumeraries and Superannuates was referred to the Committee on Admission and Conference relations.

Announcements were made and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by Rev. W. J. Wilson.

THIRD DAY.

Conference met at 8:30 A. M. Devotional exercises were led by H. M. Springer, after which the Bishop took the chair and made some remarks as to the preacher's duty in relation to the roll of members and probationers, deprecating the carrying over from year to year unverified names. He also made remarks on the order of public service.

The minutes were read and approved.

Rev. Dr. Edwards, of the Northwestern Christian Advocate, Rev. Dr. Spencer, Ass't Secretary of the Church Extension Board, were introduced; also Rev. T. Gerrish of the Maine Conference, and Rev. D. Dexter of the West Wisconsin Conference.

Question 14 was called, What traveling deacons have been elected Elders? The names of the following were called, their characters passed, and they made their reports; the Committee of examination and the Presiding Elders reported, they were passed in their studies and were severally Elected to elder's, orders viz:—Joseph E. Norvell, Grove J. Corwin, and Albert E. Burrows. At his own request permission was granted J. Q. Swimm to withdraw from the ministry and membership of the Methodist Episcopal church, his ordination parchment was returned and placed in the hands of the Secretary.

J. P. Jenkins was excused from the Conference to attend a funeral, and T. Carson was elected Assistant statistician in his place.

Question 10 was called. What local preachers have been elected deacons? There were no names presented.

Question 16 was called. What local deacons have been elected Elders? No names were presented.

Question 5 was called. Who are admitted into full connection? The names of the following were called, their characters passed, they made their reports; the Committee of Examination and Presiding Elders reported and they were severally received into full connection and elected to deacons orders viz:—Chas. H. Smith, Samuel C. Leavell, Phillip K. Hammond, Fred E. Leazer, Wm. J. Hyde, Wm. H. Irwin and Robt. J. Irwin.

N. S. Bradley was discontinued, he having gone to the Congregational Church. The characters of the following were passed and they were

severally disposed of as follows: Thomas H. Garvin was continued on trial and the Bishop requested to leave him without an appointment to attend one of our schools.

Joseph R. Goudy was excused on account of sickness and continued on trial.

Thomas Carson was continued on trial.

Wm. D. Deeble, after the usual reports was admitted into full connection, he being a deacon.

Chas. B. Gilbert was continued on trial and excused for non-attendance on account of sickness.

Chas. M. Arthur was continued on trial, and it was ordered that he be credited with all the studies of the second year except Harman's Introduction.

Oscar A. Harple was continued on trial, he not having been before the committee of Examination.

Frank K. Wheeler, after the usual reports, was admitted into full connection, he being a deacon.

Edward O. Bullock was transferred from the Wisconsin Conference, he being a probationer. He was admitted into full connection and elected to deacon's orders.

Rev. G. C. Mars, A. M. B. D. Professor of English Literature in Dakota University; Lewis McLouth, L. L. D. President of the Territorial Agricultural College at Brookings, and Luther C. Woodford of the Northwest Iowa Conference were introduced.

Hardy E. Wyckoff was introduced and his transfer from the Rock River Conference announced.

Albert E. Burrows and Wm. J. Hyde were appointed a committee to collect money for the publication of the Minutes. Certain advertisements presented by L. Hartsough were by vote of Conference admitted into the Minutes.

Dr. Edwards addressed the Conference in the interest of the Northwestern Christian Advocate and the Book Concern.

Dr. Spencer addressed the Conference in the interest of Church Extension.

The Committee on Post Offices were instructed to prepare a list of all the Post Offices in the several charges and also the names of supplies.

The pastors were required to make their reports not later than the second day of the session, and that reports received after that time should not appear until the next year.

Dr. Elon Foster addressed the Conference in relation to Methods of reading and other matters.

Mrs. Nettie C. Hall of Wessington Springs, Superintendent of the department of Hygiene in the W. C. T. U. of Dakota, was introduced.

Notices were given and Conference adjourned with the benediction by Rev. W. J. Wilson.

FOURTH DAY.

(MONDAY).

Conference convened at 8 A. M., Bishop Walden in the chair. Devotional exercises were led by D. Gostelow. Minutes were read and approved.

Ordered that C. M. Arthur be credited with the studies of the second year except Harmon's Introduction.

The Bishop announced that Almon E. Tanner was transferred to this Conference in 1885, but no record having been made of the fact, his name is now put on the roll for the first time. The Bishop filed a certificate of the ordination of the Deacons and Elders.

The Memoir of William Vivian, read at the Memorial session yesterday, was adopted and ordered published in the minutes.

Question Third. Who remain on trial? The names of the following were called, they reported their collections, their characters passed, they were represented by their Presiding Elders and the Committee of examination; they were passed in their studies and severally continued on trial, namely: Thomas A. Jones, William W. Brown, Richard C. Opie, William C. Sage, Francis Nichols, Edward Vaughan, also Thomas Garvin, J. R. Goudy, C. B. Gilbert, were continued from last year, not having been before the committee of examination.

Alexander D. Smith not being before the committee of examination, his character passed and he was continued on trial and required to bring up the studies of the second year.

Lewis F. Dimmitt's character passed, and the Bishop was requested to leave him without appointment to attend one of our schools.

John Mulholland was discontinued. Smith Lent's character passed, and the Bishop was requested to leave him without appointment to attend one of our schools.

O. A. Harple's character passed, and he was continued on trial, and being in default on his studies since 1886, he was required to bring up the studies of the second year.

Question 13 was called. Who are deacons of the second class? The names of the following were called, their characters passed, they made their reports, were represented by their Presiding Elders and committee of examination, they were passed in their studies and were advanced to the second class of deacons, viz:

Wm. H. Jordan.

Lucas G. Furnier.

Wm. H. Matson (conditioned on Church History.)

Thomas Hambly.

Gilbert D. Cleworth and John P. Jenkins (conditioned on Intellectual Science.)

Question 19 was called. Who are the Superannuated Preachers?

D. W. Chamberlain's character passed and his relation was continued.

J. H. Mooers and George R. Oake were granted a location at their own request.

Question 2 was called. Who are admitted on trial? The names of the following were called, the recommendations of quarterly conferences were presented so far as they had been supplied; they made reports, were represented by the Presiding Elders, by the committee of examination and Conference relations and they were severally admitted on trial, viz.:

Stanley S. Smith.

Wm. H. Underwood.

Ellis S. Chappell.

Arza P. Janes.

Tarea H. Hendricks.

Ira A. Sparks.

Wm. O. Redfield.

James B. Dibble (conditioned on History.)

Joseph Mottershead.

James D. Allison.

Samuel D. Robinson (conditioned on Arithmetic.)

Donald C. McLean.

James M. Kemp.

Ephriam W. Florence.

Isaac C. Phifer.

Alexander D. Smith in default on his studies since 1887 was continued on trial with permission to bring up the studies of both years.

The Presiding Elders were permitted to withdraw the recommendations and authorized to employ C. B. Warren, Wm. L. Lee and Nathan P. Steves.

Dr. Spencer addressed the Conference in the interest of church extension.

The Committee on Sabbath Observance made their report which was adopted. (See Report A.)

The Committee on Temperance and Prohibition made a report which after discussion was recommitted with amendments offered. (See Report B).

On motion conference adjourned to 1:30 p. m. Benediction by Bishop Walden.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1:30 Conference met, Bishop Walden in the chair. Prayer was offered by Edwin Craven.

An invitation to attend a Temperance Mass Meeting to be held to-night was received and accepted with thanks.

Question 6. Who are readmitted? On motion; Thomas S. Fowler, located from the Central Illinois Conference was readmitted.

Question 7. Who are admitted on credentials from other Churches?
Ans. None.

On motion the Examination Committees were directed to conduct the Examinations in writing with such additional oral Examinations as the Committee may desire.

Question 18 was called. Who are the Supernumerary preachers?

Robert J. Irwin was granted a supernumerary relation at his own request on account of sickness in his mother's family.

The Bishop was requested to leave Phillip K. Hammond without appointment to attend one of our schools.

An Invitation to visit Yankton College was received and accepted with thanks.

Huron was selected as the place for holding the next Conference. The thanks of the Conference were directed to be sent to Watertown for its invitation.

The Bishop Called Rev. A. W. Adkinson to the Chair.

Committee on Church Extension reported and their report was adopted. (See report C).

The report of the committee on Woman's Foreign and Home Missionary Societies was adopted (See Report D).

The report of the Committee on Sunday Schools was adopted (See Report E).

The Report of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society was adopted (See Report F).

The Committee on Auditing the accounts of the Presiding Elders reported that they found those accounts correct.

The Report of the Committee on Tracts was adopted. (See Report G).

The Report of the Committee on Church Literature was adopted. (See Report H).

The report of the Committee on the State of the Church was adopted. (See Report I).

Adjourned to meet at 7 P. M.

FOURTH DAY.

EVENING SESSION.

Conference opened at 7 P. M. Bishop Walden in the Chair. Devotional exercises were led by Wm. Underwood. On Motion Conference took a recess till 9 P. M.

At 9 P. M. Conference reconvened. A. W. Adkinson in the Chair by appointment of the Bishop. An additional subscription was taken for the publication of the minutes. Bishop Walden took the Chair. The Minutes of two previous sessions were read and approved.

Question 10 was called. What Local preachers have been elected Deacons? Wm. H. Underwood was elected and ordained local Deacon.

The board of Stewards made a report which was adopted (See Report J).

The Secretary was instructed to send blanks to all Conference Claimants and also to all Presiding Elders. The Committee on Education made a report, which after amendment was adopted (See Report K).

The Committee on Missionary appropriations made a report which was adopted and the several places to which money was appropriated were Constituted Missions.

On Motion the Bishop was requested to approve Wm. Brush, president, and A. W. Adkinson, vice president, of Dakota University.

The Committees of examination, other standing Committees, Boards of Church extension and Location, the educational commission and offices of the Conference Missionary society, were elected (See List).

The triers of appeals were nominated and elected (See List in Disciplinary questions).

Resolutions of thanks were presented and adopted. (See Resolutions).

The secretary was instructed to forward blanks to the preachers three weeks before Conference.

The Presiding Elders were appointed a Committee to nominate the standing Committees at the opening of next Conference. The Committee on Temperance made a report which was adopted. [See report.]

The Bishop ruled that only those who vote in favor of 1st resolution are bound by its utterances. This ruling being based on ¶ 5 of the appendix to the Discipline.

The reports on Temperance and Sabbath Observance were ordered to be read in each public congregation.

On motion of W. H. Jordan, it was declared to be the sense of this Conference that Members applying for and entitled to letters of removal should receive the same upon application. Various questions of administration were answered by the Bishop. A collection of \$9.40 was taken for the Janitor. The treasurer was directed to furnish to the Secretary for publication his report together with the report of the auditing Committee on the same. The Statistical secretary's report was presented and ordered published.

There upon the business of the Conference being all completed, prayer was offered by E. E. Clough: the Hymn "God be with you till we meet again", was sung! The Bishop made some closing remarks, and read the appointments, and the Conference stood adjourned SINE DIE.

A. R. BOGGS,
SECRETARY.

J. M. WALDEN,
PRESIDENT.

SABBATH SERVICE.

At 9:30 A. M., a Love Feast was held at the 1st Methodist Episcopal Church, after which Bishop Walden preached. At 2 P. M. Memorial services were held, also ordination of both Deacons and Elders.

At 7:30 Dr. Spencer conducted revival services and sixteen persons came to the altar, beside a large number who rose for prayer.

At the Congregational Church Rev. E. E. Clough preached in the morning and Rev. W. H. Selleck in the evening. At the Baptist Church Rev. A. W. Adkinson preached in the morning, and Prof. G. C. Mars in the evening.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

This certifies that on Oct. 14th 1888, at Yankton, Dak., I ordained. Charles H. Smith, Samuel C. Leavell, Philip K. Hammond, Fred E. Leazer, Wm. J. Hyde, Edward O. Bullock, Wm. H. Irwin and Robert Irwin, deacons, and on the same day and at the place, assisted by several Elders, I ordained. Joseph E. Norvell, Grove J. Corwin, and Albert E. Burrows elders in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Given under my hand this 15th day of Oct. A. D. 1888.

J. M. WALDEN.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1 Who are transferred and from what Conference? Edward O. Bullock from Wisconsin Conference Hardy E. Wyckoff, Alvan E. Tanner from Rock River Conference.

2 Who are admitted on trial? Ephriam W. Florence, Wm. H. Underwood, Isaac C. Phifer, Tarea H. Hendricks, Ira A. Sparks, Wm. O. Redfield, James B. Dibble, James D. Allison, Samuel C. Robinson, Donald C. McLean, James M. Kemp, Stanley S. Smith, Ellis S. Chappel, Azra P. Janes, Joseph Mottershead.

3 Who remain on trial? Thomas Carson, Thoms H. Garvin, Joseph R. Goudy, Chas. B. Gilbert, Oscar A. Harple, Chas. M. Arthur, Thomas A. Jones, W. W. Brown, Lewis F. Dimm it, R. C. Opie, M. C. Sage, Smith Lent, Francis Nichols, Edward Vaughn Alex. D. Smith.

4 Who are discontinued? N. S. Bradley, John Mulholland.

5 Who are admitted into full connection? Charles H. Smith, Samuel C. Leavell, Wm. D. Deeble, Philip K. Hammond, Fred E. Leazer, Wm. J. Hyde, Frank H. Wheeler, Edward O. Bullock Wm. H. Irwin, Robert J. Irwin.

6 Who are re-admitted? Thomas S. Fowler located from Central Illinois Conference.

7 Who are admitted on credentials from other churches? None.

8 What travelling preachers have been elected deacons? Chas H. Smith, Samuel C. Leavell, Philip K. Hammond, Fred E. Leazer Wm. J. Hyde, Edward O. Bullock, Wm. H. Irwin, Robert J. Irwin.

9 What traveling preachers have been ordained deacons? Chas. H. Smith, Samuel C. Leavell, Philip K. Hammond, Fred E. Leazer, Wm. J. Hyde, Ed. O. Bullock, Wm. H. Irwin, Robt. J. Irwin.

10 What local preachers have been elected deacons? Wm. H. Underwood.

11 What local preachers have been ordained deacons? Wm. H. Underwood.

12 Who are the travelling deacons of the first class? Silas A. French, Chas. H. Smith, Samuel C. Leavell, Phillip K. Hammond, Fred E. Leazer, Wm. J. Hyde, Edward O. Bullock, Wm. H. Irwin, Robert J. Irwin, Wm. D. Deeble.

13 Who are travelling deacons of the second class? Wm. H. Jordan, Lucas G. Furnier, Thomas Hambly, Gilbert D. Cleworth, John P. Jenkins Wm. H. Matson.

14 What travelling deacons have been elected elders? Joseph E. Norvell, Grove J. Corwin, Albert E. Burrows.

15 What travelling deacons have been ordained elders? Joseph E. Norvell, Grove J. Corwin, Albert E. Burrows.

16 What local deacons have been elected elders? None.

17 What local deacons have been ordained elders? None.

18 Who are the supernumerary preachers? Robert J. Irwin.

19 Who are the superannuated preachers? D. W. Chamberlain.

20 Was the character of each preacher examined? Yes.

21 Have any died? Wm. Vivian.

22 Have any been transferred and to what Conference? None.

23 Have any withdrawn? J. Q. Swimm.

24 Have any located at their own request? J. H. Mooers, Geo R. Oake.

25 Have any been located? None.

26 Have any been permitted to withdraw under charges? None.

27 Have any been expelled? None.

28 Who are the triers of appeals? T. H. Walker, Wm. Underwood
✓ H. M. Springer, O. H. Sproul, S. F. Brown, D. Rifenbark, E. Craven.

29 What is the statistical report for this Conference year? [See Statistical Tables.]

30 What are the claims on the Conference funds? [See Stewards Report.]

31 What has been raised on these claims and how has it been applied? [See Stewards Report.]

32. Where are the preachers stationed? [See Appointments.]

33 Where shall the next Conference be held? Huron.

APPOINTMENTS.

ABERDEEN DISTRICT—WM. FIELDER, P. E.

Aberdeen, W. H. Selleck.	Frederick, F. Nichols.
Andover, to be supplied.	Groton, T. S. Fowler.
Ashton, O. A. Philips.	Ipswich; S. C. Leavell.
Athol, W. W. Brown.	Langford, to be supplied.
Bangor, S. F. Brown.	Leola, G. W. Hickman.
Bath, to be supplied.	Ludden, E. Vaughan.
Britton, David Gostelow.	Midland J. L. Akers.
Campbell Co., supplied by W. L. Lee.	Newark, Thos. Trevillick.
Claremont, Detroit, W. H. Irwin.	Northville and Mellette, A. E. Burrows.
Columbia, Ordway, Thos. Simmons.	Putney, P. S. Smith.
Coral, Geo. F. Bieber.	Roanoke and Deove, E. O. Bullock.
Doland and Frankfort, A. F. Thompson.	Roscoe and Bowdle, L. F. Beach.
Ellendale, G. D. Cleworth.	Warner, supplied by C. B. Warren.

HURON DISTRICT—LEWIS BRAFORD, P. E.

Alpena, W. H. Underwood.	Huron, H. H. Dresser.
Blunt, J. F. Davis.	Iroquois, W. H. Matson.
Burkmere, to be supplied.	Onedia, J. D. Allison.
Cavour, supplied by A. M. Virden.	Pierre, I. C. Phifer.
Faulkton, W. J. Hyde.	Redfield, James Rowe.
Forest City, to be supplied.	St. Lawrence, E. Craven.
Gettysburg, A. E. Tanner.	Waterbury, supplied by J. Q. Nichols.
Hand C't, E. S. Chappell.	Wessington, Miller, L. G. Furnier.
Highmore, J. G. Palmer.	Wessington Springs, supplied by C. H. Vessey.
Highmore C't, J. R. Goudy.	Winthrop, A. D. Smith.
Hitchcock, R. C. Opie.	Wolsey, supplied by A. Matson.

SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT—L. HARTSOUGH, P. E.

Alcester, sup., by S. D. McUmbur.	Lennox, M. E. Nickerson.
Beresford, O. A. Harpel.	Lodi, J. E. Norvell.
Centerville, S. A. French.	Montrose, supplied by W. J. Willson.
Canton, A. Jamieson.	Parker, T. H. Walker.
Dell Rapids, J. P. Jenkins.	Prospect, W. O. Redfield, P. O. Wentworth.
Egan, to be supplied.	Richland, supplied.
Elk Point, D. Rifenbark.	Sioux Falls, F. M. Robertson.
Elk Point C't, supplied by S. Keister.	Sioux Falls, C't, sup., by C. S. Moor.
Flandrau, supplied by A. D. Dexter.	Sherman, supplied by E. S. Fox.
Gayville, supplied by L. H. Huckins.	Vermillion, J. C. Shelland.
Hartford, T. Carson.	Yankton, F. A. Burdick.
Hurley, to be supplied.	

MITCHELL DISTRICT—C. B. CLARK, P. E.

Alexandria, sup., by T. H. Youngman.	Howard, A. R. Boggs.
Armour, W. M. Welch.	Mitchell, E. H. Wyckoff.
Bridgewater, W. Pagenhart.	Mount Vernon, W. F. Minty.
Bijou Hills, Azra Janes.	Plankinton, S. Washburn.
Chamberlain, C. J. Sparks.	Kimball, C. N. Smith.
Delmont, I. H. Hendricks.	Scotland, L. W. Miller.
Artesian, supplied by W. E. Gifford.	Salem, L. B. Wiles.
Carthage, sup., by O. H. Delagardie.	Springfield, Chas. M. Arthur.
Edgerton, supplied by Abel Calton.	Tyndall, J. G. Corwin.
Ethan and Parkston, to be supplied.	White Lake, W. Underwood.
Fulton, E. W. Sage.	Woonsocket, J. G. Hall.
Wm. Brush, D. D. President, Dakota University.	Mitchell circuit; H. T. Curl.
A. M. Vice President, Dakota University.	

WATERTOWN DISTRICT—A. D. TRAVELLER, P. E.

Arlington, W. C. Sage.
 Big Stone City, S. D. Robinson.
 Bristol, S. P. Brokaw.
 Bradley, supplied by A. C. Beavers.
 Brookings, O. H. Sproul.
 Clear Lake, supplied by C. East.
 De Smet, E. W. Florence.
 Clark, Thos. Hambly.
 Clark circuit, James Trewartha.
 Gray, F. H. Wheeler.
 Henry, Robt. St. Clair.
 Madison, C. E. Hager.
 Willow Lake, Joseph Mottershead.
 Milbank, W. H. Jordan.
 Twinbrooks, Jas. M. Kemp.
 Watertown, E. E. Clough.
 Waverly, Donald McLean.
 Webster, Chas. B. Gilbert.
 White, C. H. Bodken.
 Wilmot, Thos. A. Jones.
 Kampeska, H. M. Springer.
 Elkton, Fred E. Leazer.
 Estelline, A. McClincock.
 Lake Preston, to be supplied.
 Midway, James Dibble.

Timothy Donohue, Missionary to China.

H. Locke, Teacher Indian School, Flandreau.

L. F. Dimmitt, O. E. Murray, Phil. K. Hammond, Thos. H. Garvin,
 Smith Lent, left without appointment to attend School.

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 Second Year—F. A. Burdick, J. G. Hall, O. A. Phillips.
 Third Year—H. H. Dresser, A. D. Adkinson, A. Jamieson.
 ✓ Fourth Year—H. W. Springer, A. F. Thompson, J. G. Palmer.
 Local Orders—E. W. Sage, D. Rifenbark, E. E. Clough.
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 Conference Secretary of Woman's F. M. Society—Mrs. I. M. Hartsough.
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 Triers of Appeals—F. H. Walker, W. Underwood, H. W. Springer,
 O. H. Sproul, S. F. Brown, D. Rifenbark, E. Craven. (H.M.)

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Sioux Falls District—L. Hartsough, F. M. Robertson, T. H. Walker, S. Hyman, A. E. Carhart,

Watertown District—A. D. Traveller, E. E. Clough, J. Rowe, D. W. Diggs, M. H. Cooper,

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CONFERENCE RECORD AND ROLL 1888.

Those who came into the Conference at the time of its organization
in 1885, are termed Charter Members.

NAME	BORN		Admitted into full Connection.		Came to Dakota Conf'er	POST OFFICE
	Where	When	Conf.	When		
Adkinson A. W.	Indiana	1851	S. E. Indiana.	1877	Charter	Mitchell
Boggs A. R.	Ohio	1835	Michigan	1870	"	Howard
Botkins Chas H.	Illinois	1854	Central Ill.	1881	1886	"
Bradford Lewis	New York	1842	Mississippi	1875	Charter	Huron
Brown S. F.	Penn.	1825	Wyoming	1866	"	Bangor
Brokan S. P.	Indiana	1851	Georgia	1880	1887	Bristol
Brush Wm.	Connecticut	1827	New York	1853	1886	Mitchell
Bullock Edward O.	"	"	Dakota	1888	1888	Roanoke
Burdick F. A.	Ontario	1852	N. W. Iowa	1879	Charter	Yankton
Burrows A. E.	Ontario	1861	Dakota	1886	1886	Northville
Chamberlain D. W.	"	"	"	"	"	Tyndall
Clark C. B.	New York	1839	Iowa	1864	1885	Mitchell
Cleworth G. D.	Canada	1865	Dakota	1887	1887	Ellendale
Corwin G. J.	New York	1842	"	1886	1886	Tyndall
Clough E. E.	"	"	W. Wisconsin	"	1887	Watertown
Craven E.	Wales	1849	Detroit	1876	Charter	St. Lawrence
Curl H. T.	"	"	Des Moines	"	"	Mitchell
Deeble Wm. D.	"	"	Dakota	1888	1888	"
Donoughue	Ontario	1860	Bay of Quinte	1884	1886	China
Dresser H. H.	"	"	"	"	"	Huron
Fiedler Wm.	England	1852	N. W. Iowa	1880	Charter	Aberdeen
Fowler Thos. S.	"	"	"	"	1888	Groton
French Silas A.	Vermont	1849	Dakota	1887	1887	Centerville
Furnier Lucius G.	Canada	1858	"	1887	1887	Wessington
Gostelow David	England	1832	Wesleyan M.	1854	1887	Britton
Hager C. E.	New York	1852	Upper Iowa	1878	Charter	Madison
Hall J. G.	Penn.	1852	Ohio	1879	1886	Woonsocket
Hambly Thos	Ontario	1856	Dakota	1887	1887	Clark
Hammond Phil K.	"	"	"	1888	1888	Evanston Ill.
Hartsough Lewis	New York	1828	Oneida	1854	Charter	Sioux Falls
Hyde Wm. J.	Ontario	"	Dakota	1888	1888	Faulton
Irwin Wm. H.	Ontario	"	Dakota	1888	1888	Claremont
Irwin Robt.	Ontario	"	"	"	"	"
Jamieson A.	Ontario	1837	N. W. Iowa	1875	Charter	Canton
Jenkins J. P.	Mass.	1860	Dakota	1887	1887	Dell Rapids
Jordan Wm. H.	Mass.	1857	"	"	"	Milbank
Leavell Chas. S.	"	"	"	1888	1888	Ipswich
Leazer Fred E.	"	"	"	"	"	Elkton
Loek Hosea	Canada	1832	Niagara	1860	1886	Flandreau
Matson Wm. H.	Ohio	1846	Dakota	1887	1887	Iroquois
Miller L. W.	Ohio	1854	N. W. Iowa	1882	Charter	Scotland
Minty W. F.	England	1844	Rock River	1877	"	Mount Vernon
Murray O. E.	England	1856	Prot. Meth.	1877	1886	Evansville Ill.
Nickerson M. E.	Illinois	1856	N. W. Iowa	1885	Charter	Lennox
Norvell J. E.	Iowa	1859	"	1885	"	Lodi
Pagenhart Wm.	Germany	1840	N. W. Ger.	1869	Charter	Bridgewater
Palmer John G.	Iowa	1854	Upper Iowa	1878	"	Highmoore
Phillips O. A.	Vermont	1837	U. B.	"	"	Ashton
Rifenbark D.	New York	1849	N. W. Iowa	1885	"	Elk Point
Robertson F. M.	"	"	Upper Iowa	"	1886	Sioux Falls
Rowe James	England	1860	Minnesota	1885	Charter	Brookings
Sage E. W.	Ontario	1843	Des Moines	1873	"	Fulton
Selleck W. H.	New York	1859	Dakota	1885	"	Aberdeen
Simmons Thos	Ohio	1849	Upper Iowa	1875	"	Columbia
Shelland J. C.	New York	1846	Wyoming	1874	"	Vermillion
Smith Chas. H.	"	"	Dakota	1888	1888	Kimball
Springer H. M.	Illinois	1842	W. Wisconsin	1864	Charter	Kampeska
Sproul O. H.	Canada	1846	Upper Iowa	1884	"	Redfield
St. Clair B. C.	Illinois	1841	Illinois	1872	1887	Henry
Thuer Almon E.	"	"	"	1885	1885	Gettysburg
Thomas A. F.	Ireland	1848	W. Wisconsin	1875	Charter	Doland
Traveller A. D.	Ontario	1839	Bay of Quinte	1862	"	Watertown
Trewartha James	England	1845	N. W. Iowa	1885	"	Clark
Underwood Wm.	Ohio	1832	Rock River	1855	1887	White Lake
Walker T. H.	Ontario	1836	Can. Wesleyan	1864	Charter	Parker
Washburn S.	New York	1830	Rock River	1863	1887	Plankinton
Welch Wm. W.	"	"	"	"	"	Armour
Wheeler F. H.	"	"	Dakota	1888	1888	Gary
Wiles L. B.	Ohio	1858	N. W. Iowa	1884	Charter	Salem
Wyckoff H. E.	"	"	"	"	1888	Mitchell

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ABERDEEN DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CHARGES	Probationers..	Full Member.	L. Preachers..	No. of Deaths	Children Bap.	Adults Bap'd	No. Churches.	Probable Val.	No Parsonages	Probable Val.	Building, imp. Churches and Parsonages ...	P'd on Church ... Property ...	Present Ch'ch Indebtedness.	Exp's (Sexton, light, fuel, &c.)	No. of Schools	No. Others and ... Teachers...	No Scholars of ... all ages ...	Missions			For Church ... Extension..	For Sunday School Union	For TractSociety....	Freedmen's ...Aid Society.	Childrens Day	.. Education..	Bible Society.	W. F'n Mission	W. Home Ms'n	Pastor, Presid- ing Elder and Bishops.	Conference ... Claimants ..	Other 'Coll't'ns
																		From Ch'chs	From S. S.	Total												
1. Aberdeen	90	170	3	1	20	20	1	\$ 200	1	\$ 1000	\$ 175	\$ 738	\$ 1558	\$ 424	1	17	175	\$ 27	\$ 33	\$ 100	\$ 32	\$ 3	\$ 2	\$ 10	\$ 5	\$ 149	\$ 11	\$ 12	\$ 1	\$ 195	\$ 4	\$
2. Ashton	32	69	3	1	1	2	1	2000				77	150	107	10	10	90	40	40	40	10	4	4	4	33	1	11		605	2		
3. Athol	14	93		1	1	6								35	9	70	20	20	20	5	1	1	3	2	15	1		419	2	15		
4. Bangor	3	47			1	1								10	9	30	13	13	13									30				
5. Bath	18	46	1		3	3	1	2500	1	500	25	300	850	140	19	115	38	10	4	10	13	1	1	4	10	2		712	3			
6. Coral	26	54	1		10	6								42	14	40	22		22	13		1	2	2	13	1	2	652	2	5		
7. Columbia & Ordway	11	28	1		1	1	2	4000			2700		1900	110	14	100	14	11	25	9	1	1	1	3	2	28	1		671	2		
8. Clarmont & Detroit	6	60		1	1	1	2	3500			3000		1000	50	16	70	24		25	10	2	1	2	3	1	2		645	1			
9. Doland & Frankfort	35	68			2	2	1	3000	1	600	275	15	750	133	11	11	70	25	30	12	1	1	2	2	3	2		813	3			
10. Ellendale	7	45	1		11	2	1	3000			50	50	550	110	8	60	17	23	40	12	1	1	1	3	20	2	1	650	2	20		
11. Faulkton	26	104		2	5	21	1	4 00			3225		1250	85	2	17	130	40	40	12	2	2	2	3	3	2		169	1			
12. Frederick	1	35	1			1	1	2500			50	300	300	48	1	5	30			4	1	1			3	1		358	1			
13. Gettsburg	8	94			3	1		3500			1500		1200	150	23	24	100	20	25	2	2	1	2	2	4	1		652	1			
14. Groton	3	54	1	6				2600					385	1176			8		8	4	1				9			602	2			
15. Ipswich	4	40			3	2	2	3000			800	400	500	70			6		6									84				
16. Leola	3	40	2												2	8	75	15	15	4			1					446	1			
17. Ludden	3	40														12	60	15	15									230				
18. Millard	5	43			1	1	1	2800			25	840	1190	60	3	16	120	25	30	13	2	2	2	2	28	2		642	2	25		
19. Northville&Mellette	12	86	1	3				1503			1243		260	15	1	1	6	50	15	15	1							275	1			
20. Putney	41	81	1		12	36	1	25 0	1	1500	294	233	307	202	1	11	185	34	21	55	12	3	2	4	36	2		1213	4	15		
21. Redfield	4	91	1			7	1	700				20	60		2	16	80	25	25	6	1	1	11	1	45	1		335	1			
22. Roanoke & De Voe	3	32				1	1	3000				330	850	36	2	14	32	29	29	5	1	1	2	7	20	1		313	1			
23. Roscoe	14	43			12	1		20 0				310	825	17	4	9	125	43	43	3	1	1	1	1	7	1		318	1			
24. Warner	5	56	3	2	1	2	2	3500			400				3	24	120	32	32	2		1				1		534	2			
25. Westport																																
TOTALS	313	1538	17	17	87	144	23	\$ 5823	4	\$ 3900	\$13762	4048	\$14676	\$1899	46	303	2157	593	114	\$ 712	\$185	30	21	73	\$ 53	\$443	36	\$26	\$2	\$12947	\$ 40	\$30

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WATERTOWN DISTRICT.

1. Andover & Langford	4	52	2	1	1	2	2000			100	\$ 80	\$ 800	\$ 100	3	29	124	\$ 34	\$ 1	\$ 35	\$ 8	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 3	\$ 3	\$ 2	\$ 1	\$	\$	653	\$ 4	\$	
2. Arlington	6	60	1	2	1	1	2000				91	171	75		5	25	25		25	5	1	1	3		12	1				447	2	
3. Bradley	5	22													25	125	5		5				1						321			
4. Bristol	7	37	5	6	1	1	2000		200	150		850		2	5	100	20		20	6			2		3				384	2		
5. Big Stone City	6	15		2	2		2500					1300		1	9	30	10		10										100			
6. Britton	10	40	5	3	2	1	1800					500	140	3	23	100	30		30	6	1	1	4	2	10	1			744			
7. Brookings	5	75	2	3	6	1	3200	1	\$ 800	150	100	1300	71	1	14	90	30	20	50	8	1	1	5	3	2	1			785	5		
8. Clear Lake	1	29				1	25	0		20	40	600	35	2	15	75	5		5	2	1	1	5		1	1	1	1	241	1		
9. Clark	7	73	1	4	4	1	2500			82	100	82	97	3	27	216	70		70	14	2	2	8	6	8				825	6		
10. Clark County	8	22	1	2										7	24	3	0	24	1	25	10	1	3		1	1			400	1		
11. Gary & Canby	34	98	2	2	8	14	5000	1		800	50	100	1250		2	15	85	24	16	40	8	1	1	3	6	4	1	2		777		
12. Henry	4	71	2	1		1	2000	1		500	300		150	3	15	75	5	21	26	7		1	6		3		2	1	802			
13. Madison	19	65	1	2	13	1	3400	1		1600			2400		18	100	40		40	20	1	1	10	14	5	2	3		852	5		
14. Milbank	6	68	1	1	1	1	95	0		84	100	700	174	1	15	120	21	22	43	25	1	1	4		15	3	5		1184	4	30	
15. Twin Brooks	5	38	1	8	2		3000				155	945	22	2	17	125	10		10	3	1		2	2					395	2		
16. Watertown	6	211	3	3	16	4	9000	1		1200	8000		1000	2	23	225	40	20	60	32	1	1	9		10		30		1518	4	8	
17. Newark	26	23	2	5										3	30	116	10		10	5			2						426	1		
18. Webster	34	70	2	1		1	4000			525	100	1400	150	1	10	57	15		15	7	1	1	10		10	3	4	4	752	2	35	
19. White & Aurora	10	165	1	2	5	30	4000			1800	500	500	100	5	40	160	30	5	30	6			3						803	4		
20. Wilmot	7	41	2	1	3	10	3	00	1		300	10	215		3	15	80	15		15	3	1	1	2		1	1		336	4		
21. Waverly	14	50		7	3	1	2000					750	20	4	13	60	17		17	4	1	1	4		4	2	1	1	427	2		
22. Kampeska	17	63		3	2	1	1500						50				30		30	5	1	1	2		7		1		511	4		
23. Alban		10				1	2500						500		1	6	50		5										109			
TOTALS	240	1301	21	30	75	96	24	\$ 67400	6	\$ 5200	\$11321	\$1761	\$16747	\$1754	55	388	2407	\$510	106	\$ 616	\$183	\$ 18	\$ 17	\$ 87	\$ 43	\$ 91	\$19	\$42	7	\$13842	\$ 53	\$

MITCHELL DISTRICT.

1. Alevandria	4	41	1	17	9	1	\$	2000	1	\$	300	\$	30	\$	510	\$	60	2	12	125	\$	9	\$	6	\$	15	\$	3	\$	1	\$	\$	\$	1	\$	1	\$	392	\$	2	\$
2. Armour	2	41	1	1	1	1		1600					1366		25		20	1	5	33	5	2			7	2	1	1	2				2	1	1		294	2			
3. Bridgewater	12	73	1	3	3	1		2500					70	35	1250	40	3	15	106	11	5	1		16	3	1	1	1	2			4	1	1		469	2				
4. Castalia & Bijou H.	8	30				1											1	8	25	12	1		13	3	1	1	1				2	7			341	2					
5. Cornell																																									
6. Chamberlain & K.	14	64			3		1	2700				100	22	600	60	2	14	125	30				30	3	1						1					627	1				
7. Delmont & Grand P.	3	44			3	7	1	1200						267		2	15	70		1			1								1					399	1				
8. Diana & Carthage	15	119	1	4	2	8	2	4700				145	247	500	55	2	18	98	20	5			25	3	1				3	2						582	2				
9. Edgerton	13	60		1												3	20	60	9				9	2						1		2				432	1				
10. Ethan & Parkston		50	2		5	1	2	2500						1500	25	1	9	45		8			8													240					
11. Fulton	13	88														2	13	90	20	4			24	10	1	1	3	3	10	1						501	3				
12. Howard & Roswell	12	53	1			2		5300						425	80	1	10	70	10	8			18	6				4	3	4						631	1				
13. Mitchell	25	181	4	3	3	7	1	7000				280	700	750	150	1	22	130	50	25			75	10	2	2	5	5	2	26						1184	3				
14. Mount Vernon	7	79	2				1	3000	1	1000		50	185	1008	60	2	17	85	25				25	4	2						3					703	3				
15. Plankinton	20	99	2	1	2		1	3000				230		600		1	16	80	18	8			26	6	2	2	4			5						672	3				
16. Scotland	6	60	1			2	1	2600	1	550		445	90	300	67	1	9	100	20	20			40							5						733	3				
17. Spencer & Salem	5	54	1			1	1	1500	1	300		300		440	10	1	7	60	17	3			20	3	1	1	2			1	1					254	1				
18. Springfield	10	36		3	8	4	3	4600				15	89		50	2	14	63	8	7			15	4	1	1	1			2	1					412	2				
19. Lyndall	21	75	2	1			2	2500	1	630		13	125	300	76	3	25	110	15	25			40	12	4	2	7	3	18	1						631	2	2			
20. White Lake	7	61	1					3000				80	1380	50	3	19	120	19	1			20	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1						538	2				
21. Woonsocket	12	97			15	2	1	2500	1	300				730	85	1	12	152	26	14			40	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14				1009	2				
TOTALS	209	1599	19	17	71	42	23	\$ 589 0	7	\$ 3080	\$ 3044	\$1573	\$10985	\$ 888	35	280	1747	324	143	\$ 467	\$ 85	\$ 21	\$ 14	\$ 42	\$ 16	\$ 86	\$17	\$41	\$1	\$11044	\$ 37	\$ 2									

SIoux FALLS DISTRICT.

1. Beresford.....	29	86	1	1			\$	600	\$	125	\$		3	25	100	\$	20	\$	10	\$	2	\$	2	\$	4	\$	\$	6	\$	2	\$31	\$	514	\$	2	\$
2. Canton.....	3	122	3	1	1	9	1	1500	1	800		90	150	18	110	33	14	47	15	1	1	10	3	10	2	8	3					700	2	...		
3. Centreville.....	8	74	1		9	4	2	2500				30	720	10	40	6		6													404					
4. Dell Rapids.....	22	139	3	1	2	22	1	1500	1	1000		50	400	23	185	80	29	109	23	3	2	21	11	3	3	71					679	5	3			
5. Elk Point.....	7	59		1		1	1	500	1	650		548	225	8	90	31	4	35	14	2	1	7	4	4	2	31					588	2	2			
6. Elk Point Circuit.....	11	13	1		8									8	60	2		2													140					
7. Egan.....	4	21		1			1	1000						9	35	10		10	2			2									225	1				
8. Flandreau.....	5	38			1	3	1	13 0					75	8	70	14	6	20	3	1	1	3		3		5					446	5				
9. Flandreau Circuit.....	5	24	1		7	2								7	50	4		4	11	1		1		5		1	1				67	1				
10. Gayville.....	2	43		1										8	25	5		5	3												250					
11. Hartford.....	18	68	2		4	1		12 0	1	700		30		3	24	200	2	2	1	1	1	1		1	2		1					295				
12. Hurley.....	3	45			2		1	900				50	260	8	35	3		3														178				
13. Lennox.....	1	40		1		1	1	1200	1	500		85		11	80	35	5	40	7	2	2	7		5	1	24	3					487				
14. Lodi.....	16	98	1	3	14	8	2	1700	1	250		45	250	49	5	47	197	29	7	36	10	4	4	10		5	4	24	8			423	4			
15. Montrose.....	15	90		2	5	14	1	2000				16		500	35	2	13	75	8		8	3			2	1					326	1				
16. Parker.....		85		3			2	3800				80	28	65	100	2	18	120	9	3	12	2		1							463	1				
17. Prospect.....	21	77	3		17	23	1	1400	1	200		85	245	375	50	1	12	88	21	4	25	10	1	2	10							386	3			
18. Richland.....	8	39					1	1600	1	20			400																							
19. Sioux Falls.....	6	142	1	1	2	1	1	7000	1	2500		139	230	484	222	1	16	155	190	30	220	50	10	10	50	14		22	15	75		1390	15	18		
20. Vermillion.....	23	120	1	1		5	1	1800	1	100		150			100	2	18	175			60	6	1	1	1	3		25		3		962	1	100		
21. Yankton.....	41	162			11	3	1	7500				200			200	2	36	175	20	15	35	5	1	1	4			12	3	41			913	2	40	
TOTALS.....	248	1585	17	17	72	108	20	\$ 38400	11	\$ 7500	\$ 1523	\$ 963	\$ 3859	\$ 989	35	327	2155	522	117	\$ 699	\$175	\$ 39	\$ 29	\$131	\$ 46	\$128	\$35	\$26	16	\$ 9836	45	\$ 163				
GRAND TOTALS.....	1452	7628	91	91	364	493	107	\$276,253 34	\$22,880	\$3,005	\$8,943	\$7,606		201	1425	9810			\$3,012	779	114	95	394	178	810							55821	215			

MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS.

ABERDEEN DISTRICT--\$3,040.

Andover.....	\$ 150	Ipswich.....	\$ 100
Ashton.....	130	Langford.....	100
Athol.....	60	Leola.....	100
Bangor.....	150	Ludden.....	100
Bath.....	60	Millard.....	100
Britton.....	100	Newark.....	100
Campbell County.....	150	Northville and Mellette.....	60
Claremont and Detroit.....	80	Putney.....	60
Columbia and Ordway.....	120	Ronoake and DeVoe.....	80
Coral.....	50	Roscoe and Bowdle.....	100
Dolan and Frankfort.....	100	Warner.....	120
Ellendale.....	60	Westport.....	100
Frederick.....	100	District.....	450
Groton.....	140		

HURON DISTRICT--\$3,300.

Alpena.....	\$ 120	Iroquois.....	\$ 100
Blunt.....	150	Oneida.....	150
Burkmore.....	100	Pierre.....	200
Cavour.....	100	St. Lawrence.....	150
Faulkton.....	100	Waterbury.....	150
Forest City.....	100	Wessington Hills.....	150
Gettysburg.....	120	Wessington Springs.....	100
Hand circuit.....	200	Winthrop.....	150
Highmore.....	300	Wolsey.....	200
Highmore Circuit.....	150	District.....	450
Hiteheock.....	60		

MITCHELL DISTRICT--\$2,800.

Armour.....	\$ 140	Howard.....	\$ 140
Bridgewater.....	120	Kimball.....	160
Bijou Hills.....	100	Mt. Vernon.....	135
Chamberlain.....	100	Plankington.....	150
Carthage.....	100	Salem.....	170
Delmont.....	100	Springfield.....	100
Diana.....	100	Tyhdali.....	160
Edgerton.....	100	White Lake.....	145
Ethan.....	100	Mitchell District.....	200
Fulton.....	80	District.....	400

SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT--\$2,720.

Alcester.....	\$ 40	Lennox.....	\$ 100
Beresford.....	40	Lodi.....	100
Canton.....	200	Montrose.....	140
Centreville.....	200	Parker.....	200
Egan.....	40	Prospect.....	40
Elk Point.....	140	Richland.....	40
Elk Point Circuit.....	100	Sioux Falls Circuit.....	120
Flandreau.....	160	Sherman.....	80
Gayville.....	100	Vermillion.....	200
Hartford.....	160	Yankton.....	80
Hurley.....	140	District.....	300

WATERTOWN DISTRICT--\$3,140.

Arlington.....	\$ 50	Henry.....	\$ 50
Big Stone.....	200	Kempeska.....	100
Bradley.....	50	Lake Preston.....	100
Bristol.....	100	Madison.....	200
Brookings.....	200	Midland.....	100
Clark.....	100	Twin Brooks.....	100
Clark Circuit.....	100	Waverly.....	150
Clear Lake.....	150	Webster.....	100
De Smett.....	200	White.....	100
Elkton.....	100	Willow Lake.....	175
Esteline.....	100	Wilmot.....	115
Gary.....	50	District.....	450

I approve the foregoing Appropriations.

J. M. WALDEN.

STATISTICS NO. 2, ABERDEEN DISTRICT, DAKOTA CONFERENCE, 1888.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTORS.				P. E.		Bishops Paid	Cf. Cls. Paid.
		Chas. H. R. and value * Parsonages	Receipts in H. R., value Parsonages	Deficiencies.	Apportioned	Paid.			
1. Aberdeen	W. H. Selleck	\$1100	\$1100	\$	\$90	\$90	\$5	\$4	
2. Ashton	O. A. Phillips	550	550	.....	52	52	33	32	
3. Athol	W. W. Brown	350	385	.....	32	32	32	32	
4. Bangor	S. F. Brown	25	25	.....	10	5	32	32	
5. Bath	P. K. Hammond	*650	650	.....	50	50	32	32	
6. Coral	J. F. Bieöer	450	330	120	30	30	1	1	
7. Columbia & Ordway	W. H. Irwin	600	600	.....	50	50	32	32	
8. Clarmont & Detroit	A. F. Thompson	600	625	.....	44	44	32	32	
9. Doland & Frankfort	T. S. Fowler	*620	620	.....	44	44	1	1	
10. Ellendale	G. D. Cleworth	750	750	.....	60	60	32	32	
11. Faulkton	T. Simmons	600	600	.....	48	48	32	32	
12. Frederiek	C. D. Boone	138	138	.....	30	30	1	1	
13. Gettsburg	C. B. Warren	450	325	125	32	32	1	1	
14. Groton	W. J. Hyde	550	615	.....	50	50	22	1	
15. Ipswich	J. Mulholland	550	550	.....	50	50	32	32	
16. Leola	L. F. Beach	84	84	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
17. Ludden	A. F. Thompson	400	400	.....	44	44	1	1	
18. Millard	J. S. Akers	300	215	85	26	15	.....	.....
19. Northville&Mellette	L. F. Dimmitt	550	600	.....	40	40	32	32	
20. Putney	I. P. Roberts	200	254	.....	20	20	1	1	
21. Redfield	James Rowe	*1140	1140	.....	68	68	5	4	
22. Roanoke & DeVoe	S. S. Smith	300	300	.....	32	32	32	32	
23. Roseoe	E. O. Bullock	250	280	.....	32	32	1	1	
24. Warner	E. Vaughan	350	287	63	30	30	1	1	
25. Westport	W. D. Deeble	500	500	.....	32	32	32	32	
TOTALS		\$12057	\$11923	\$ 393	\$ 996	\$980	\$44	\$40	

STATISTICS NO. 2—HURON DISTRICT.

1. Alpena	W. H. Underwood	\$ 305	\$ 255	\$ 50	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 1	\$ 1
2. Alpena Circuit	N. P. Steves	100	151	.....	15	15	1	1
3. Altona	L. W. Miller	*800	700	100	52	52	22	2
4. Blunt	A. E. Burrows	470	454	.....	40	40	22	1
5. Cavour	R. C. Opie	550	477	52	36	37	32	2
6. De Smet	Edwin Craven	*725	500	225	40	40	.....	.....
7. Hand County	J. R. Goudy	330	280	50	28	28	1	1
8. Highmore	John G. Palmer	500	408	92	40	40	1	1
9. Huron	Henry Dresser	*1380	1380	.....	135	135	9	10
10. Hyde County	E. S. Clappell .....	.....	141	.....	20	20	1	1

STATISTICS NO. 3, ABERDEEN DIST., DAKOTA CONFERENCE, 1888.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

No. of Schools	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars of all Ages.	Sch's 15 years and over	Sch's under 15, except Int. Cl.	Scholars in Infant Class.	Avg. Attend'ce Teachers & Schol's	No. Library Books.	Expot. Schools this year.	S. S. Advocates taken.	S. S. Class-mates taken.	S. S. Journals taken.	Off's & Teh's as Ch. Membr's	Sch's as Ch'ch Mem. or Prob.	Conver's in S. Sch. this year.
1	17	175	80	55	40	122	225	\$180	.....	.....	12	16	60	12
1	10	90	43	34	13	45	75	47	15	15	8	9	56	5
2	6	70	40	20	10	50	60	30	.....	.....	.....	6	40	7
2	9	30	20	10	.....	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	20	8
2	19	115	67	27	21	85	.....	55	30	30	12	18	54	6
2	14	40	20	10	10	35	.....	10	35	35	10	10	10	.....
2	14	100	30	45	25	25	.....	38	50	50	6	9	8	3
3	16	200	125	50	25	150	100	50	20	20	12	15	50	3
1	11	70	30	20	30	47	300	23	.....	.....	13	11	15	15
1	8	60	25	12	23	55	40	50	20	20	5	8	7	2
2	17	130	54	38	28	90	.....	50	55	30	9	16	80	50
1	5	30	5	9	17	30	85	8	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....
3	24	100	70	18	12	75	.....	30	150	150	50	18	34	10
2	14	100	60	30	10	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	8	4
.....
2	8	75	50	15	10	50	40	20	6	6	3	7	25	.....
3	12	60	10	35	15	55	50	9	.....	.....	12	2	15	3
2	16	120	73	24	23	65	.....	35	.....	.....	6	13	50	.....
1	6	50	35	10	5	33	.....	12	25	.....	4	2	4	.....
1	14	185	60	80	45	96	156	60	.....	.....	15	13	55	24
2	16	80	50	15	15	70	.....	24	.....	.....	16	14	70	.....
2	14	32	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
4	9	125	75	50	.....	100	40	20	15	.....	20	5	30	.....
3	24	120	75	25	20	90	200	30	.....	.....	.....	20	.....	.....
46	303	2157	1097	632	387	1523	1371	\$781	421	356	213	247	691	152

STATISTICS NO. 3—HURON DISTRICT.

2	11	55	22	21	12	30	.....	28	24	24	8	11	13	.....
.....
4	39	25	110	75	20	125	80	62	75	75	2	36	95	25
4	19	110	45	55	75	123	200	110	75	50	24	63	50	35
3	20	40	20	8	12	40	.....	.....	25	25	20	17	30	.....
1	11	86	42	27	22	43	40	57	40	40	12	10	22	.....
1	6	25	15	7	3	20	.....	8	.....	.....	5	5	16	.....
1	10	70	18	36	16	47	.....	20	40	.....	4	8	9	.....
1	24	250	110	65	75	185	237	100	80	80	16	21	112	5
2	12	50	35	10	5	30	70	17	.....	.....	.....	12	40	16

11. Iroquois.....	W. H. Matson.....	800	800	.....	52	52	2	3
12. Lake Byron.....	A. D. Smith.....	500	455	45	36	36	2	2
13. Pierre.....	S. C. Leavell.....	500	500	.....	4	40	2	2
14. St. Lawrence.....	S. A. French.....	*720	72	.....	40	40	2	2
15. Sully County.....	W. L. Lee.....	200	124	76	20	14	1	.....
16. Waterbury.....	W. H. Horn.....	250	78	172	20	7	.....	1
17. Wessington & Miller	D. C. Phifer.....	500	314	186	40	40	1	1
18. Wessington Springs	Chas. Vessey.....	300	300	.....	32	34	2	4
19. Wess'gton Spr'gs Ct	J. N. Smith.....	.....	10	.....	20	20	.....	.....
20. Wolsey.....	A. C. Bevers.....	500	260	240	40	28	.....	.....
TOTALS.....		\$ 9410	\$ 8303	\$1288	\$ 761	\$748	\$32	\$35

STATISTICS NO. 2—WATERTOWN DISTRICT.

1. Andover & Langf'd	D. Gostelev.....	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$	50	\$ 50	\$ 3	\$ 4
2. Arlington.....	W. C. Sage.....	600	405	195	40	40	2	2
3. Bradley.....	Robert Irwin.....	350	300	50	28	21	.....	.....
4. Bristol.....	F. E. Leazer.....	550	350	200	32	32	2	2
5. Big Stone City.....	S. D. Robinson.....	.....	90	.....	10	.....	.....	.....
6. Britton.....	Thos. Hambly.....	700	700	.....	40	40	4	2
7. Brookings.....	J. G. Hall.....	*720	720	.....	60	60	5	5
8. Clear Lake.....	Smith Lent.....	235	205	30	35	35	1	1
9. Clark.....	Henry M. Springer..	800	771	29	50	50	4	6
10. Clark County.....	S. P. Brokaw.....	400	380	20	25	18	2	1
11. Gary and Canby....	F. H. Wheeler.....	*750	725	25	50	50	2	.....
12. Henry.....	R. C. St. Clair.....	*750	750	.....	48	48	4	.....
13. Madison.....	C. E. Hager.....	*800	800	.....	50	50	2	5
14. Milbank.....	W. H. Jordan.....	1100	1100	.....	80	80	4	4
15. Twin Brooks.....	Frank Nichols.....	450	375	75	25	19	1	2
16. Watertown.....	E. E. Clough.....	*1400	1400	.....	110	110	8	4
17. Newark.....	J. B. Williams.....	.....	397	.....	26	26	2	1
18. Waverly.....	C. B. Gilbert.....	.....	397	.....	28	28	2	2
19. Webster.....	O. H. Sproul.....	700	700	.....	50	50	2	2
20. White and Aurora..	Chas. Botkins.....	600	750	.....	48	48	5	4
21. Wilnot.....	T. A. Jones.....	*400	400	.....	32	32	4	4
22. Kampeska.....	J. M. Kemp.....	475	475	.....	32	32	4	4
TOTALS.....		\$12380	\$12790	\$ 624	\$ 939	\$929	\$63	\$55

STATISTICS NO. 2—MITCHELL DISTRICT.

1. Alexandria.....	T. H. Youngman....	*450	360	40	40	30	2	2
2. Armour.....	Wm. Weleh.....	550	248	302	44	44	2	2
3. Bridgewater.....	T. H. Walker.....	430	424	6	44	42	2	2
4. Castalia & Bijou H.	Wm. Pagenhart.....	300	300	.....	40	40	1	2
5. Cornell.....	O. Hutchins.....	.....	.....	.....	28	7	.....	.....
6. Chamberlain & K.	L. G. Furnier.....	500	575	.....	52	48	2	1
7. Delmont & Grand P.	H. T. Curl.....	400	350	50	48	48	1	1
8. Di na & Carthage..	G. J. Corwin.....	550	536	14	44	44	2	2
9. Edgerton.....	Jas. Trewartha.....	400	300	100	30	30	2	1
10. Ethan & Parkston..	J. Q. Swinn.....	200	200	.....	50	40	2	.....
11. Fulton.....	E. W. Sage.....	550	460	90	44	40	1	3
12. Howard & Roswell.	A. R. Boggs.....	650	580	70	56	49	2	1

2	25	141	85	30	2	30	50	50	20	20	8	14	75	10
4	35	210	.....	.....	.....	220	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	29	.....	.....
2	1	115	40	55	20	78	250	78	45	45	16	14	56	4
3	2	200	110	84	6	125	180	40	12	12	12	26	.....	34
2	50	33	15	18	10	50	222	.....	12	12	9	7	14	.....
1	10	64	18	37	9	70	.....	14	.....	.....	9	9	21	.....
1	11	71	40	20	11	53	12	18	25	25	9	8	20	9
2	13	71	35	26	8	54	.....	.....	45	20	5	12	32	2
34	338	1655	750	574	320	1463	134	602	518	428	177	302	501	140

STATISTICS NO. 3—WATERTOWN DISTRICT.

3	29	124	77	47	15	83	120	42	69	22	18	23	48	6
5	25	125	75	40	10	120	25	30	.....	.....	8	5	.....	.....
2	5	100	40	30	30	.....	400	.....	8	8	6	5	45	.....
1	9	30	12	11	7	.....	.....	.....	35	8	9	.....	.....	.....
5	23	100	30	30	40	80	75	48	20	20	8	12	15	5
1	14	90	48	17	25	71	.....	47	30	30	14	13	.....	.....
2	15	75	20	20	15	65	100	35	25	25	15	20	.....	.....
3	27	216	89	76	51	96	200	50	35	35	12	11	23	6
7	24	300	180	80	40	160	40	35	40	40	22	8	22	5
2	15	85	21	24	20	65	25	25	25	25	8	14	40	8
3	15	75	50	25	10	.....	100	20	20	20	6	15	.....	2
1	18	100	50	25	25	70	99	50	.....	.....	1	16	65	21
1	15	120	40	34	46	103	177	39	75	75	10	14	38	5
2	17	125	58	47	20	75	150	20	.....	.....	11	12	.....	.....
2	23	225	90	100	35	125	250	60	60	60	20	23	100	3
3	30	110	85	25	.....	140	.....	.....	.....	.....	14	.....	.....	1
4	13	60	30	26	4	10	100	30	5	.....	3	9	3	4
1	10	57	27	6	24	35	84	55	25	25	20	9	1	.....
5	40	160	90	40	30	175	.....	40	25	25	20	40	25	10
3	15	80	40	20	20	13	125	25	50	.....	12	12	24	4
54	382	2357	172	743	467	1480	2070	626	512	445	202	267	496	80

STATISTICS NO. 3—MITCHELL DISTRICT.

2	12	125	45	80	30	95	200	51	15	15	20	11	12	.....
1	5	33	14	11	8	29	.....	9	.....	.....	6	4	6	.....
3	15	106	58	33	15	19	50	22	.....	.....	8	15	10	2
1	8	25	10	8	7	28	.....	4	.....	.....	8	5	.....	.....
2	14	125	.....	.....	.....	75	100	50	50	50	14	14	.....	.....
1	10	40	.....	.....	.....	36	.....	4	30	30	10	10	.....	.....
3	20	60	.....	.....	.....	50	25	5	.....	.....	16	10	.....	.....
1	8	4	.....	.....	.....	30	.....	10	15	.....	4	3	10	.....
2	13	90	.....	.....	.....	75	.....	250	25	25	12	10	40	.....
1	10	70	25	25	20	55	.....	25	25	25	7	8	20	.....

13. Mitchell.....	A. W. Adkinson.....	1100	1100	.....	80	80	4	3
14. Mount Vernon.....	W. F. Minty.....	*665	616	49	44	36	2	3
15. Plankinton.....	S. Washburn.....	740	614	126	56	56	2	3
16. Scotland.....	N. S. Bradley.....	*675	675	.....	56	56	2	3
17. Spencer & Salem.....	L. B. Wiles.....	300	233	67	44	20	1	1
18. Springfield.....	Wm. J. Wilson.....	400	370	30	44	40	2	2
19. Tyndall.....	C. H. Smith.....	*585	585	.....	44	44	2	2
20. White Lake.....	Wm. Underwood.....	500	500	.....	44	36	2	2
21. Woonsocket.....	O. E. Murray.....	*1000	950	50	58	58	1	2

TOTALS.....\$10945 \$ 9976 \$ 994 \$ 990 \$888 \$37 \$38

STATISTICS NO. 2—SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT.

1. Beresford.....	O. A. Harpel.....	\$ *525	\$ 450	\$ 75	\$ 44	\$ 44	\$ 2	\$ 2
2. Canton.....	A. Jamieson.....	*800	725	75	64	64	3	2
3. Centreville.....	C. J. Bliss.....	450	368	82	40	36	.....	.....
4. Dell Rapids.....	J. P. Jenkins.....	*700	774	.....	50	50	5	5
5. Elk Point.....	D. Rifenbark.....	560	534	25	52	52	2	2
6. Elk Point Circuit.....	S. Keister.....	.....	135	.....	5	.....	.....	.....
7. Egan.....	T. Whitecombe.....	200	200	.....	24	24	1	1
8. Flandreau.....	A. R. Dexter.....	414	414	.....	40	30	2	5
9. Flandreau Circuit.....	H. Loeke.....	.....	50	.....	16	16	1	1
10. Gayville.....	L. Hutchins.....	225	218	7	32	26	.....	.....
11. Hartford.....	D. Fulford.....	265	265	.....	40	30	.....	.....
12. Hurley.....	Thos. Aleock.....	150	150	.....	28	28	.....	.....
13. Lennox.....	M. E. Nickerson.....	*485	441	43	44	44	2	2
14. Lodi.....	J. E. Norvell.....	*486	409	77	48	48	2	4
15. Montrose.....	Thos. Carson.....	400	290	110	40	35	1	1
16. Parker.....	Jas. H. Tackaberry.....	600	419	181	48	44	.....	1
17. Prospect.....	W. O. Redfield.....	*505	363	142	44	44	2	3
18. Richland.....	D. Rifenbark.....	.....	161	.....	40	40	.....	.....
19. Sioux Falls.....	F. M. Robertson.....	*1300	1300	.....	80	80	10	15
20. Vermillion.....	J. C. Shelland.....	*900	900	.....	60	46	2	1
21. Yankton.....	F. A. Burdick.....	900	850	50	80	80	3	2

TOTALS.....\$ 9865 \$ 9396 \$ 889 \$ 904 \$866 \$38 \$47

GRAND TOTALS.....\$54657 \$52388 \$4138 \$4591 \$4414 214 215

1	22	130	55	35	40	100	225	75	50	15	20	46	12
2	17	85	40	21	24	70	35	25	25	13	15
1	16	44	18	45	400	37	50	12	10	5
1	9	100	40	30	30	70	35	9	9	30
1	7	60	28	15	17	41	20	25	25	6
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STATISTICS NO. 3—SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT.

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1	7	50	35	15	6	30	10	10	8	6	4	9	2
1	8	25	10	5	20	15	10
3	24	200	45	24	21	70	72	12	30	30	1	20	19	1
1	8	35	14	21	30	5	5	4
1	11	80	50	15	15	68	30	25	25	1	10	25	10
5	47	197	97	45	40	143	76	40	15	15	6	25	12
2	13	75	36	9	30	60	20	18	20	20	6	13	50	10
2	18	120	25	90	25	18	13	18	30	15
1	12	88	26	21	26	100	100	20	12	12	75	23
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TREASURER'S REPORT.

DISTRICTS.	Missn's	Ch. Ex.	S. S.	Tract.	Freed.	G. Edu.	Ch Day	Bible	W. F. M	W. H. M	Bishop	Con. Cl	Gen. C.
HURON.....	\$ 483 50	146 50	13 00	12 00	49 00	44 00	38 00	10 00	101 25	6 00	29 00	36 00	.....
ABERDEEN.....	709 00	165 00	30 01	21 00	73 00	477 00	56 00	36 00	25 00	2 00	44 00	40 00	.....
SIOUX FALLS.....	699 00	180 00	30 00	29 00	131 00	128 00	52 60	35 00	327 75	16 00	37 00	47 00	.....
WATERTOWN.....	624 00	167 10	18 00	17 00	84 00	67 35	46 1C	18 45	54 70	7 50	59 00	56 00	13 35
MITCHELL.....	477 00	91 00	22 00	15 00	45 00	98 97	30 00	12 00	45 55	1 00	37 00	39 00	2 00
TOTALS.....	\$2992 50	\$ 749 60	\$ 113 00	\$ 94 00	\$ 382 00	\$ 815 32	\$ 222 60	\$ 111 45	\$ 558 25	\$ 32 50	\$ 206 00	\$ 214 60	\$ 15 35

IN MEMORIAM.



WILLIAM VIVIAN, was born April 13th 1850, in Cornwall, England. His parents were members of the Wesleyan church, and like all Cornish Methodists were earnest and demonstrative in their religious convictions and experiences. William was converted when about sixteen years of age and when only eighteen was licensed as a local preacher. He surprised his audiences by the originality and maturity of his thought and the effectiveness of his delivery. It is recorded of the late Rev. Richard Watson, of England, that on receiving the congratulations of his hearers, after the delivery of an admirable address in his eighteenth year, he stated "I have been practising public speaking many years," and when inquired of as to where he had exercised his ministry he replied "In the class room." Doubtless our departed brother, Vivian, acquired his unction and his readiness of utterance by a similar process. Do the members of our church appreciate the value of the class meeting in its relation to the development of workers? Is it not with many an unused arm of power?

Brother Vivian came to the United States in the year 1874 and settled in Wisconsin. He entered Garret Biblical institute in 1880 and filled acceptably and admirably several charges in the vicinity of Chicago while he pursued a thorough course of theological study. After his graduation he came to Dakota and devoted himself to the work of the ministry.

He was stationed two years at Plankinton, one of the important charges of this conference, where he labored with characteristic zeal, marked ability and success. During the second year his health failed and at the next session of the conference he was stationed at Dell Rapids, in hope that the change might prove beneficial to his health, but the hope was disappointed and in October 1886 he went with his family to the foot hills of California, after which he never took ministerial work, but preached when health permitted. August 26th, 1888, he preached his last sermon in the church of San Fernando, Rev. 8: 9. "and they sang a new song." The text was suggestive and prophetic. That brilliant discourse was his last on earth. His next effort was the "new song." On Friday Aug. 31st, he was taken with a sudden and profuse hemorrhage from the lungs. He believed the end had come and rejoiced in the prospect of "going home." Friday Sept. 7th. the release came. Praises to the Lord were often upon his lips and when unable to articulate distinctly the practiced ear of his wife could detect the words oft repeated: 'Our Father which art in Heaven,' and thus at the close as well as at the commencement of his earthly life his heart responded to love and his last thoughts were of mother, God and heaven.

His funeral, conducted by Rev. Dr. R. S. Maclay, was attended by a large and sympathizing congregation in the Methodist Episcopal church at San Fernando.

He leaves a devoted wife and little child. Their only riches are in the sympathy of the church and the care of the Heavenly Father. He leaves a conference who find it very hard to part, until the dawn of heaven's morning, from our bright, brave brother in the army of the cross, but—

How sweet it will be in that beautiful land,

So free from all sorrow and pain.

With songs on our lips and with harps in our hands,

To meet one another again.

NAME.	PLACE OF DEATH.	Time of Death.	Age.	Yrs. in Min.	Conference Relation
John M. Rust.....	Vermillion, Dakota	1871	41	15	Effective.
Thos. M. Williams.....	Bridgewater, Dakota.	1882	50	24	"
Wm. H. Hoadley.....	Huron, Dakota.....	1886	41	16	Supernumerary.
T. S. Hunt.....	Aurora, Indiana.....	1887	57	16	Effective.
Wm. H. Affleck.....	Leeds, England.....	1887	76		
Wm. Vivian.....	San Fernando.....	1888	45	8	Supernumerary.

REPORTS.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE. (A.)

Your Committee on Sabbath Observance beg leave to report, that :

WHEREAS, 1st.—God, for the physical, religious, mental, social and financial benefit of man has instituted and commanded the observance of the Holy Sabbath ; and

WHEREAS, 2d—The violation of the Sabbath has always been hurtful to man, perilous to civil government, destructive of public morals, and of social order and happiness ; and

WHEREAS, 3d—We cannot successfully rebuke that which we seemingly practice : Therefore be it

Resolved, 1st That we will, by all proper means, insist that all our ministers and laymen shall obey the Sabbath law, as found in the Bible, and in the statutes of the territory.

Resolved, 2d That ministers should not make appointments that necessitate the use of railway trains upon the Sabbath.

Resolved, 3d That we consider the running of railway trains on Sunday whether for the purpose of carrying freight or passengers, except in cases of *real* necessity, to be a violation of the Sabbath law.

Resolved, 4th That we regard pleasure seeking, hunting, fishing and visiting for the sake of its pleasure, etc. as in violation of the Sabbath law.

Resolved, 5th That harvesting grain under the pretence that it is a necessity ; and keeping open stores, or other places of business because patrons demand it and threaten to go elsewhere if their demands are not granted, is in violation of the Sabbath law.

Resolved, 6th That we will preach on the subject of Sabbath Observance during the coming Conference year in all our congregations.

W. UNDERWOOD, M. E. NICKERSON, R. C. OPIE, W. J. HYDE, J. M. KEMP, Com.

TEMPERANCE AND PROHIBITION. (B.)

Your committee on TEMPERANCE and PROHIBITION beg leave to submit the following:

We gladly embrace this opportunity of giving our most hearty indorsement to the strong deliverance of our late general Conference on temperance and legal prohibition of the liquor traffic, and of reiterating the declaration of the last quadrennial addresses of our Bishops. "That it cannot be licensed without sin."

We rejoice that the courts have rendered abortive the endeavors of the rum power to disfranchise the Methodist ministers.

WHEREAS, Intemperance is a sin against the individual, the home, and the state, and,

WHEREAS, License high or low insures the perpetuation of this great evil. and,

WHEREAS, The ballot represents the crystalized public sentiment ; Therefore :

Resolved, 1st. That while we do not as a conference indorse or condemn any political party now organized, we will not vote with any party which is opposed to prohibition and that we will vote *only* for men committed to the principle of prohibition.

Resolved, 2d. We are uncompromisingly opposed to high license believing it to be detrimental to domestic, municipal, church and state interests.

Resolved, 3rd That we will favor the present local option law, and will work for its success everywhere.

Resolved, 4th. That we favor the unconditional and immediate abandonment of all revenues from the liquor traffic in order more readily to suppress the business and put an end to the scandal of the government deriving its support from the poverty, degradation and vice of the people.

Resolved, 5th That we endorse and commend the Womans Christian Temperance Union as singularly led of God, and one of the greatest forces to effectually root out the liquor traffic.

Resolved, 6th That we heartily recommend the starting of Bands of Hope and other juvenile temperance societies, in connection with every charge in our conference.
S. A. FRENCH, THOMAS SIMMONS, THOS. HAMBLY, S. WASHBURN, Com.

CHURCH EXTENSION. (C.)

Resolved, 1st That we highly appreciate the assistance of The Board of Extension ; and that we heartily recommend that all our ministers use their utmost endeavors in securing at least their apportionment for this worthy cause.

Resolved, That we recommend further that in our S. S. benevolence this cause should have its share of support.

We find our apportionment last year to this Conference was \$1,000, and the amount raised was \$776 which under the circumstances was encouraging, being an increase of \$321.

JAMES ROWE, E. CRAVEN, W. H. JORDAN, Com.

WOMAN'S HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY. (D.)

WHEREAS, The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies of the Methodist Episcopal Church are accomplishing a great work for the church of God by spreading the Gospel at home, and sending it through the dark continents abroad, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend all our ministers within the bounds of the Dakota Conference to organize auxiliaries so far as practicable, either by their own aid or by calling to their assistance some representative of these societies

W. D. DEEBLE, L. G. FURNIER, D RIFENBARK, Com.

REPORT OF SECRETARY.

Auxiliaries 23 ; Increase 5.....	Members 394 ; Increase 74.
Mission Bands 4 ; Increase 1.....	Members 160 ; Increase 141.
Life Members 12 ; Increase 4.	Hon. Man 2 ; Subs H. W. F. 100.
Amount Paid \$604.88.	

This amount includes Conference collections and other moneys paid after the report was made.

The outlook is better than ever before. Some Auxiliaries have put forth efforts to raise funds outside of their regular dues. At Dell Rapids nearly \$40.00 was raised by receiving names at 10 cts. each for an Album quilt, which is to be sent to Miss Abrams.

Auxiliaries have been organized during the year at Ashton, Aberdeen, Lodi, Mount Hope and Hitchcock. Vermillion and Madison have been reorganized. Many of our older Auxiliaries have been strengthened, and their work more fully established. Some are languishing; two or three we fear are dead.

The banner towns are Ashton in Aberdeen District ; Mitchell in Mitchell District ; Watertown in Watertown District. Sioux Falls is the banner town of all. Mrs Nora H. Billings, Cor. Sec. of Lemox Aux. died Jan. 10th, 1888 age 23 years. She was a devoted christian and died in triumph. The President of the Mission Band aged 15 years, and a daughter, age 8 years, a member of the Band has gone to the better world. In the reckoning time, the work of their short lives will not be forgotten.

The addresses of Dr. Spencer, at our Conference Anniversary, will be productive of good, we believe, all through this new year. He was made Life member.

Mrs. I. M. HARTSOUGH,
Con. Sec.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS. (E.)

Recognizing the truth that the rising generation can be saved only by faith in Jesus Christ; and that "faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God." Therefore,

we consider the Sunday School as a most important arm of the church—as in fact, a training school to impart a knowledge of Divine truth to the young and convert them to God.

Resolved, That as Methodists, we will establish Methodist Episcopal Sunday Schools, and use in them the literature published by our book concern, in preference to any other literature, and help forward the cause of Christ on earth by ever being zealous in the important work of getting the children soundly converted to Christ.

P. K. HAMMOND, S. C. LEAVELL, L. B. WILES, J. E. NORVALL, T. G. JONES.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATION SOCIETY. (F.)

WHEREAS, The Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society has for its object the intellectual and spiritual education of the millions of poor people of the south, both black and white; and,

WHEREAS, The crushing cruelty towards the blacks and oppression of the loyal whites developed the present sad condition of ignorance and degradation, from which they cry to us for deliverance, which was graciously begun by the proclamation of freedom, and extended by our Methodist preachers and Christian schools and continues to call for sympathy, our prayers and practical help; therefore,

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves to present this cause faithfully to our people, that for this end we utilize the Sunday service and the many facts prepared for our use by our official leaders in this work of God; and so gather in our apportionment of \$1,000 to the full and to overflowing.

L. W. MILLER, *Chairman*; F. H. NICHOLS, W. H. IRWIN, *Sec'y. Com.*

TRACTS. (G.)

1st. Knowing that our Tract Society has done, and is doing a great work toward bringing the world to Christ.

2nd. Regretting that we have done so little to push that department of our work, Therefore,

Resolved, That we the Presiding Elders and Pastors of the Dakota Conference will redouble our zeal in the distributing of Tracts published by our Tract Society.

F. E. LEAZER, W. W. BROWN, S. A. FRENCH, WM. PAGENHART, O. G. HARPEL, *Com.*

CHURCH LITERATURE. (H.)

Recognizing the superior merit of our own periodicals we pledge ourselves as a Conference to give them our heartiest support. We commend the wisdom of the General Conference in continuing Dr. Edwards as editor of the Northwestern Christian Advocate and promise to do our utmost towards increasing the circulation of this our Conference paper.

"Our Youth" we believe to be a most excellent paper for our children and young people, and will try to introduce it in every home on our charges.

We appreciate the liberality of the Book Concern in giving such a large dividend to our Superannuates and will recommend it to the patronage of our people.

A. W. ADKINSON, *Chairman*.

G. D. CLEWORTH, *Secretary*.

STATE OF THE CHURCH. (I.)

Bretheren, we are rejoiced to see the onward march of the vast Christian hosts and the conquests they are making for Christ. Each year sees new activities and greater victories. The spirit of consecration and brotherly love grows stronger. Christ is blessing His Church with his presence and power more grandly than in the pentecostal days of old.

We are glad of the deep agitation on personal temperance and legal prohibition of the liquor Traffic, and of the stand taken by most of the churches and especially that the great Methodist host leads the van in the crusade upon the saloon.

Met in Conference near where Dakota Methodism had its beginning in this Territory, we are profoundly impressed with the wonderful progress of our Church in this Territory. From one circuit and forty members in 1864 we have grown to 120 circuits and stations, about 9000 members, and \$267,700 in church property. "What hath God wrought" Let us still remember our motto :—"Dakota for Christ;" and press forward earnestly and untiringly toward the goal.

We are also highly gratified at the deeper interest now being taken in the young people of our churches and congregations, and that means of amusement, intellectual advancement and religious usefulness are being provided for them within the Church.

Resolved, That we heartily recommend the organization of Oxford Leagues among our young people wherever practicable, and where young people's societies now exist ; that they be made subordinate to our Quarterly Conferences and auxiliary to the Oxford League of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Resolved, That we recommend the organization of Chatauqua Circles wherever practicable.

Respectfully Submitted,
R. C. OPIE, *Chairman*.

J. P. JENKINS, *Secretary*.

CONFERENCE STEWARDS. (J.)

Your committee finds the following applications for aid :

Mrs. W. H. Hoadley, Huron, Dakota, claims.....	\$250 00
Mrs. Thomas Hunt of Woonsocket, Dakota, claims	300 00
Mrs. William Vivian of San Fernando, California, claims	300 00
Total,	\$850 00

Our receipts are as follows:

Conference collections.....	\$215 00
Interest from money invested by conference treasurer.....	50 00
Chartered fund	30 00
Draft from Book Concern.....	163 00
Total,	\$458 00

We therefore recommend that:

Mrs Hoadley be granted	\$138 00
Mrs. Hunt be granted.....	160 00
Mrs. Vivian be granted.....	160 00
Total,	\$458 00

WHEREAS, We find it very difficult to obtain proper information from Conference Claimants : we recommend that the Conference authorize the chairman of this committee to have five hundred blank forms for conference claimant applications printed and put into the hands of the Presiding Elders, who shall see that the Quarterly Conference of any charge within the bounds of which a claimant may reside, shall fulfill the requirements of the discipline in such cases.

T. C. JONES, D. RIFENBARK, J. ROWE.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION. (K.)

The accompanying report of the Board of Directors of the Dakota University sets forth the results of the disastrous fire by which its magnificent building was destroyed; the generous efforts of citizens of Mitchell in behalf of the school since the disaster; the doings of the board itself to meet the exigencies of its trying and embarrassed situation; and the present financial condition of the Institution. The school has been reopened in a suitable building, the rent of which is being paid by the citizens of Mitchell; the corps of teachers inspires such confidence that already there are fifty-two pupils enrolled, about one-half of whom are non-residents. It is cause for rejoicing that through the timely aid of citizens of Mitchell, the Directors of the University were enabled to continue the school with so little interruption. We should entertain no thought but to continue the school; to meet its current expenses and to liquidate all debts that may have accrued in its maintenance, and we see no way to do this but to appeal to every society within the Conference for aid as well as for the Directors to have an agent in the field. A school in our Conference is a necessity to our Methodism.

The generous and kindly conduct of the citizens of Mitchell in caring for the dead and injured, and at once coming to the relief of that school, commands our sympathy and is entitled to our thanks. In view of the fact that many citizens of Mitchell and others, including several members of the Conference, have purchased lots in the University addition, upon some of which valuable houses have been erected—which property has been greatly depreciated in value by the destruction of the building—we shall be very glad if it be found possible to rebuild and refurnish and continue to maintain the school at Mitchell. That we may have before us the facts on which to base a judgment as to such ability, the following statement is submitted:

NEEDS.

Debts to be paid in order to secure title to campus and the ruins and to the lots which have not been sold and conveyed, and to the notes and contracts on lots purchased or partly paid for.....	\$10,773 13
Cost to rebuild, completing basement and first story (proposition).....	15,450 00
To furnish same (estimated).....	1,000 00
To complete second and third stories (estimated)	10,000 00
To furnish same (estimated).....	2,000 00
Total	\$39,223 13

RESOURCES.

In sight for this purpose, rebuilding notes from the citizens of Mitchell.....	\$ 8,000 00
Subscriptions from abroad, secured by Dr. Brush (part due).....	6,000 00
Money collected in his District by Wm. Fielder, P. E., as a memorial.....	486 00
Total	\$14,486 00

Deduct, and we shall need \$24,737.13 to pay debts, secure title, rebuild and refurnish. Of this amount, \$10,773.00 must be paid over on or before February 10, 1889.

The result of rebuilding under these provisions will secure to the University in addition to the recompleted and furnished building, all the unsold lots and the amount due on notes and contracts since the date of Watertown Conference, October 14, 1886, as the beginning of an Endowment in harmony with the condition on which this Conference accepted the University. We are profoundly grieved to say that after the most protracted and thoughtful consideration, not without much prayer, we are utterly unable to see where this large sum of money can be obtained for the purpose. Certainly the directors do not have it at present, or any part of it, and we could not think of attempting to raise it from the people of our Conference, now burdened with Church and parsonage debts to the amount of \$56,606 dollars. Neither have we any hope of an agent securing it in time from abroad. To undertake to rebuild with no reasonable prospect of the completion of the building within a reasonable time, would be in the highest degree indefensible. We therefore find ourselves in the grip of stern necessity and inexorable inability, unless those whose interest it is, are able to, and actually shall, come up to the measure of the necessities of the case. We want the University rebuilt; if it be not done it will be because it cannot be done.

Of the \$10,773.13 necessary to pay debts and secure title, \$5,000 is for the the unsold lots and unpaid contracts on lot notes. \$5773.13, to extinguish liens and debts, a large part of such debts, being due to teachers and other employes for services. This last amount must be paid in any event. If after waiting until, say February 10, 1889, it shall appear impossible to rebuild and refurnish, we should hold ourselves compelled by necessity to look elsewhere; in which case only places with good railway facilities and a large, able, and liberal citizenship will be regarded as furnishing the proper basis of hope for the success of the Institution. In view of what citizens of Mitchell have done and their kind and generous conduct heretofore mentioned, we feel that Mitchell should have the preference, other things being approximately equal. Considering all the foregoing and every other fact and circumstance of the case, so far as known to us, we offer the following—

Resolved, 1. That we, as a Conference, profoundly sympathize with the stricken families who have lost their dear ones in the awful calamity, and we earnestly pray that the consolations of the Blessed Comforter may continue with them. We also express our kindest sympathy with those who in escaping from the burning building, met with injuries.

Resolved, 2. That the thanks of this Conference are hereby extended to such citizens

of Mitchell and others as kindly and promptly come to the relief of those who were in so great need, and for the help heretofore and still extended in meeting rent and contributing to other expenses needful to keep the school open.

Resolved, 3. That in view of all the facts stated we cannot entertain the thought of putting a school elsewhere till it shall fully appear, at such reasonable time mentioned that it is impossible to rebuild and refurnish and maintain the school where it is.

Resolved, 4. In view of the possible failure to rebuild, we recommend that an Educational Commission, consisting of one minister and one layman from each of the Districts, men of mature judgments and unquestioned integrity, be constituted, to act in conjunction with Bishop John M. Walden D. D., L. L. D. Bishop Cyrus D. Foss, D. D. L. L. D., and Bishop John P. Newman D. D. L. L. D., whom we, in our sore need, earnestly request to give us the benefit of their large experience, wide observation, and godly judgments. This Educational Commission is hereby fully empowered (1) to determine whether the means for rebuilding and refurnishing are fully provided at the time specified Feb. 10, 1889 2.) In the event that the Commission finds that the provisions for rebuilding are not met, they are hereby empowered to receive propositions from eligible localities and to take final action on the same by a two-thirds vote of all the members and the concurrence of the Bishop or Bishops present.

Resolved, 5. That we request the Board of Directors to take immediate steps to raise the \$5,773.13 due to teachers and others, and also raise funds enough to meet any deficiency in the current expenses of the school; and that we commend such agent and his cause to the good people of our church and others. It is understood that this agent is to go abroad.

The Conference is charged with being too exacting with Mitchell—with asking more than she can do, with so changing its plans that Mitchell cannot know what is wanted, or when its demands are complied with.

Let us rehearse the general facts, and then members of the Conference will know what answer to give to such charges and possibly our critics themselves will be satisfied that blame does not lie at the door of the Conference.

In 1882 Dakota Mission raised a Committee with its Superintendent as chairman which was authorized to receive bids for University site and means for rearing a suitable building. That Committee was never invited to Mitchell and never received any intimation even that Mitchell desired to present any bid up to the session of the Conference of 1883 and the only bids that are entertained by that time were from Ordway and Huron. During that Conference Session, a bid was offered from Citizens of Mitchell, though the chairman of that Committee had declared in July previous that no more would be received; to-wit:

"640 acres of land within City limits, 640 acres adjoining City limits, \$60,000 in donations and subscription and two tracts of land to be sold for an endowment fund."

The Conference being assured that this was a bona-fide offer from the Citizens of Mitchell accepted it and raised a board of trustees to take possession. Conference had asked nothing of Mitchell; was exacting nothing of her Citizens, simply and only accepting the bid made for our University.

At the Conference Session of 1884 it was found that Mitchell had not complied with the conditions offered the year before, but came to us with a new and changed proposition.

Mark the changes made; one 640 acre lot drops out, the two tracts offered for endowment purposes drop out, the \$60,000 drop out and the other 640 acre tract shrinks to 320 acres against which a debt not to exceed, \$11,000 might be allowed to stand. Is not this a most amazing change? Who made it and pressed it—Mitchell or the Conference? And further who were to be the gainers by this change? Had this, only this been offered the year before think you that it would have had any chance at all with the proffers of Ordway or Huron?

Note the language of our Conference of that session, "Whereas the Citizens of Mitchell at this session of the Dakota Mission Conference made new offers of land, moneys &c., designed to take the place of offers accepted by the Conference of 1883."

At the Session of 1885 at Blunt still further concessions were made to Mitchell at their own request, and another year was given. Upon adjournment Bishop Foss with others, proceeded at once to Mitchell to confer with her citizens in hopes of perfecting harmony of action.

For the first time, to our amazement our representatives were most decidedly informed by the Citizens of Mitchell that they had never made the offers as reported and understood to have been made either in 1883 or 84, which statement we find to be true.

We are pained to be obliged to rehearse these items of a strange history, but the misrepresentations made against Conference action either innocently or otherwise need

to be answered and under such conference action as will release us from the charge of dealing with Mitchell in fickleness or deceit.

Resolved, 6. That the first Sunday preceeding Thanksgiving Day be University Sunday, and that as large a collection as possible be taken for the benefit of the school in the matter of current expenses, the same to be forwarded at once to Bro. R. N. Kratz, treasurer of the Board at Mitchell. Where there are appointments on a circuit in which the collection is not taken on University Day, it shall be taken on the preceding or following Sundays.

Resolved, That we have with pleasure of the success attending Garrett Biblical Institute in its work of educating young men for the ministry and that we commend it to the young men of our Conference as being the proper place for them to attend, in preparing for the ministry of the Northwest and that we invite the attendance of a representative of that institution upon the sessions of our Conference as often as possible.

We nominate as follows ;

For Visitors to Garrett Biblical Institute F. A. Burdick and L. Bradford.

For Educational Commission, Bishops J. M. Walden D. D. L. L. D., C. D. Foss D. D. L. L. D., John P. Newman D. D. L. L. D., and the presiding Elders.

Laymen, Aberdeen District, Prof. R. L. Brown; Huron District, A. W. Page; Mitchell District, C. J. Anderson; Watertown District, D. W. Diggs; Sioux Falls District, J. A. Cooley.

For members of the board of members of Dakota University, J. A. Pickler, W. G. Nixon, Wm. Brush, S. H. Jacobs, F. A. Burdick.

For Visitors to Dakota University:—L. Hartsough, A. Jamieson, E. W. Sage.

Resolved, That this Conference accedes to the Request of the Board of Education that Children's Day shall be observed in all of our charges.

2. That on that day we will do what we can to call the attention of our people to our Seminaries and colleges and urge the young people to attend.

3. That on that occasion we will take a connectional collection to aid our young people attending these schools, and that we will forward the same to the board.

COMMITTEE.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF DAKOTA UNIVERSITY.

To the M. E. Conference in Session at Yankton, Dakota:

REV. SIRS:—The Board of Directors of Dakota University located at Mitchell, Dakota, would respectfully submit the following report:

Since the last session of your body and on the 9th day of March, 1888, our magnificent College building mysteriously caught fire in the night time and the entire interior of the building was consumed and a portion of the walls were badly damaged. Several students were injured two of whom died from their injuries.

The citizens of Mitchell came forward both with their sympathy and material aid. The injured students were provided for and taken care of free of charge until they were able to return to their homes, and books and clothing were provided to reimburse the losses of students.

The citizens also within a few days after the fire secured a suitable building in which to operate the school, in which building the school opened up again, completed the winter term and held its spring term, which notwithstanding the disaster closed a successful college year with one classical graduate and four normal graduate.

This building has been and is still furnished by the citizens free of rent to the institution at a cost of \$40 per month.

The fall term commenced Sept. 25, 1888 and is now in progress with an enrollment of 52 students and with a favorable prospect for a good attendance in the winter term. A hopeful feeling prevails both with the Board and the faculty with regard to the future of the school.

Soon after the fire the citizens of Mitchell held a meeting and offered to raise a subscription for \$8,000 to be used in reconstructing the old building or building a smaller one for present use.

This offer was accepted by the Board and a good subscription of over \$8,000 was raised and placed in notes payable in ten monthly installments.

The Board thereupon secured a competent architect to inspect the ruins and estimate their value. The architect pronounced the greater part of the old walls good and safe

and worth \$15,000 as they stand. The Board then procured plans and specifications for the reconstruction of the old building and advertised for bids therefor, which were received and opened October 9th, 1888, at 4 o'clock p. m.

The bids not being satisfactory to the board no contracts were let, and correspondence was opened with T.D. Allen, architect, Minneapolis, with the view of securing additional bids.

The assets of the corporation are as follows:

241 lots in University add to Mitchell appraised and scheduled	\$ 28,510
167 lots in said addition hereto fore sold and notes taken and contracts made with the parties, on which there is a balance due of	17,157
Subscriptions unpaid taken by Dr. Brush, considered by him to be good	6,000
Campus, consisting of 20 acres on which the ruins stand, worth (with ruins)	15,000
Good subscription notes given by citizens of Mitchell for rebuilding	\$8000,00

Total \$74,667,00

We have a contract with A. M. Bowdle by which we can secure a clear title in fee simple to all of the above described lots upon payment by Jan. 1 1889 of \$5,000. The contracts for lots sold above referred to were signed by the President of the Board, by the purchaser and A. M. Bowdle who held the title.

Liabilities up to date:

Amount due E. A. Duncan on Judgment and account	\$2036 58
Norwood and Butterfield Judgment	358 90
Dr. Brush	173 658
Prof. Eastman	41 883
Prof. Reno	250 00
G. H. Marker Janitor, etc	68 00
Prof. Richardson	16 00
J. H. Root account	47 95
Moore & Co	124 34
Geo. Benzenville	115 95
Watson Thatcher	11 00

Total, \$5773 13

There have been sold under contract 287 lots in said addition contract price	\$39,143 00
There is unpaid thereon as shown above	17,157 00
Amount paid thereon	\$21,986 00
Amount cash in small subscription, by citizens of Mitchell	1,000 00
Amount labor donated	2,516 00
Amount donated on settlement	2,374 00
Amount per ten months rent for present school building, by citizens	400 00
Amount building subscriptions by citizens	8,000 00
Total given by citizens of Mitchell	\$36,276 00

A. M. Bowdle has executed a Warranty Deed to the University, of the campus and placed the same in the hands of R. N. Kratz, our treasurer to become effective and clear of all incumbrance as soon as provision is made for the satisfaction of the above named liabilities of \$5,773.13.00 and will execute a Warranty Deed for the above named lots as soon as provision is made for payment of \$5000.00 as shown above.

Since the fire March 9, 1888; we have settled i full the following liabilities:

Liens of record with interest	\$13,680 38
Book accounts not filed	4,289 25

Total, \$17,969 63

T. E. BLANCHARD, *President*; T. A. DUNCAN, *Secretary*.

THANKS.

Resolutions were adopted thanking Bishop Walden and asking for his return as president of our Conference; expressing gratitude to Pastor Burdick and the people of Yankton for excellent entertainment: to the railroads and the papers for courtesies extended, and to the secretaries for efficient work also.

Resolved, That we rejoice in the large dividends being paid by the Book Concern to the superannuate funds of the annual Conference and that we will give our undivided patronage to our own books and periodicals which are not only the best and cheapest, but are preferable in every way because such patronage enlarges the profits of the concern and the resulting superannuate funds of the Church.

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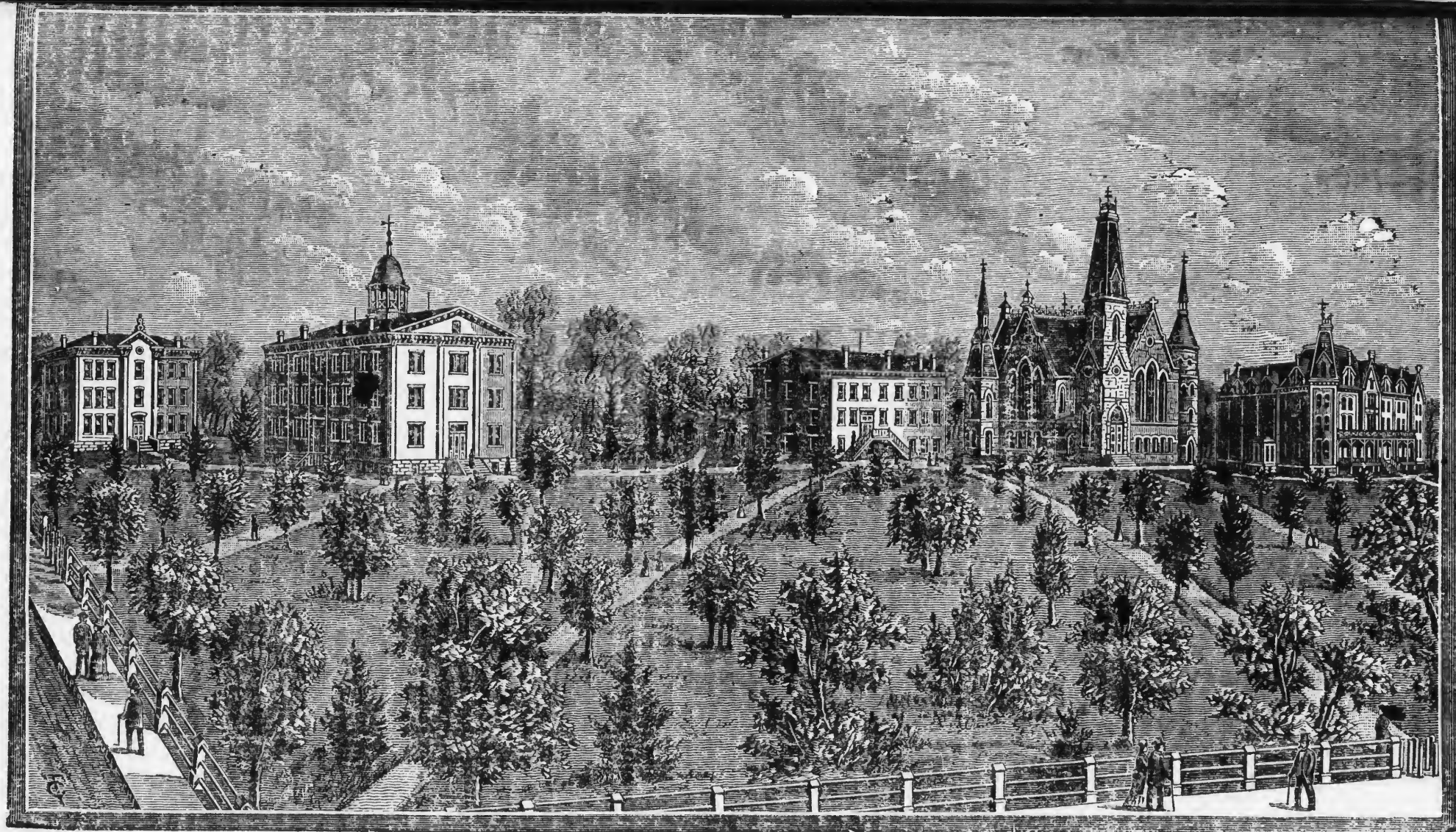
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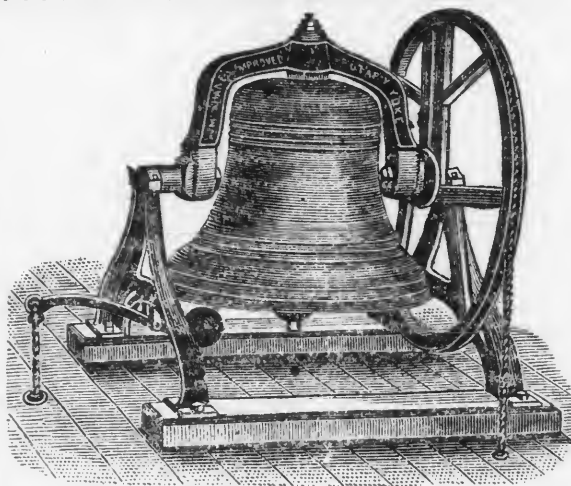
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